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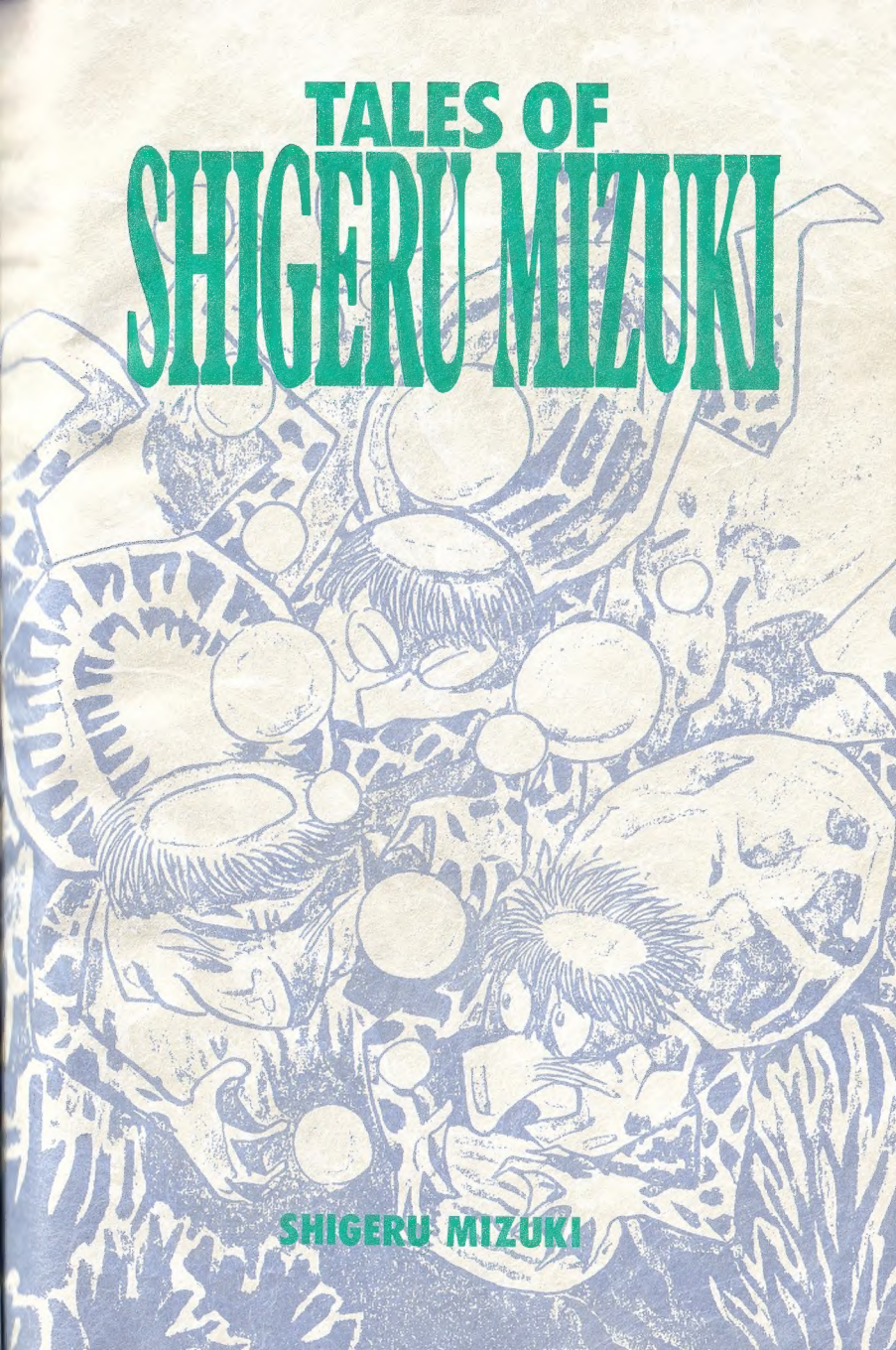

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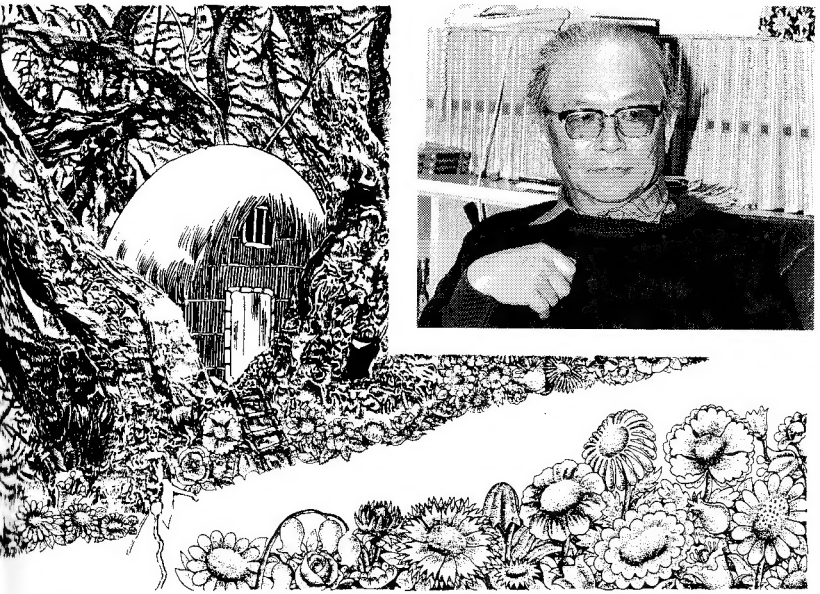
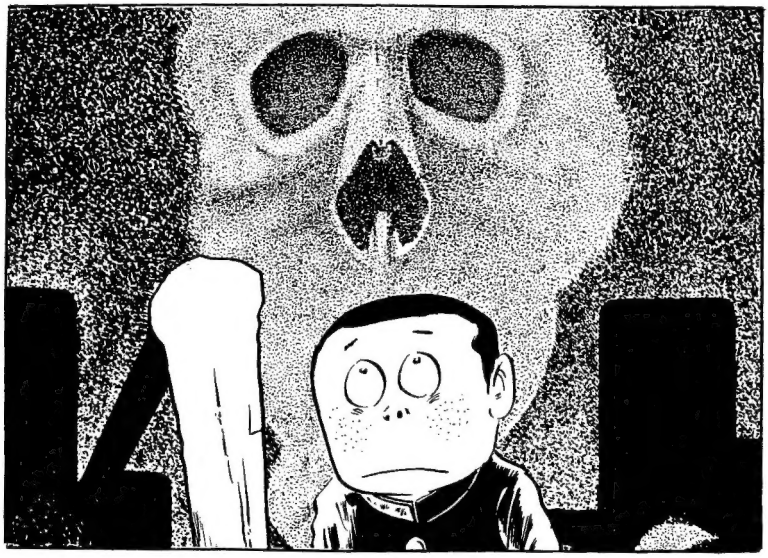


Profile: Shigeru Mizuki—"A brief History"

Born in Sakai Minato City, to Tottri prefecture in 1922. He lost his left arm in Rabaul, a New Britain Island, during Air-Raids in World War Ⅱ. After he quit Musashino-Art school, he worked as a bicycle-taxi driver. And managed an apartment. Since 1950, he started drawing picture stories. After 7 years, and 8 years as a lending comic librarian, in 1965, "T.V.-Boy" was published and received the "6th Kōdansha child comic prize". After that, in 1989, the comic "Shōwa-History"(a total of 8Vol.) received the "13th Kōdansha comic prize". In the spring of 1991, he received a decoration from the Japanese Emperor. In 1992, he received an "Excellent film prize" from the agency for cultural affairs, T.V. dept., (N.H.K.) His most important works are; "Ge-Ge-Ge-no-Kitarō"(Hakaba-no-Kitarō), "Akuma-Kun", "Kappa-no-Sanpei", which are caused, "The trilogies of Shigeru Mizuki".
And from these great accomplishments, he gained many fans. His comics were even made into Movies and T.V. films.
Other important works include; "Nihon-no-Minwa"(1967), "A salary man-Shinigami"(1969), "Hoshi o Tsukamisokoneta-Otoko—Isami Kondoh"(1970), "Shigeru Mizuki's—Yōkai Gashu"(1970), "Ugetsu monogatari"(1972), "Shouin Gyokusai Seyo"(1973), "Nonnon Bah to Ore"(1977), "Shigeru Mizuki's—Yōkaijiten"(1981), "Neboke-Jinsei"(1982), "Yōkai-Den"(1987), "Nekogusu"(1991), and a member of the ethnology association. Plus, the council of racial art academy.



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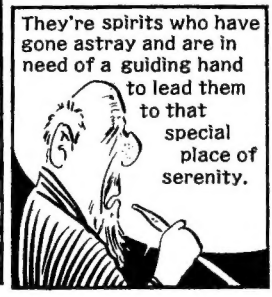
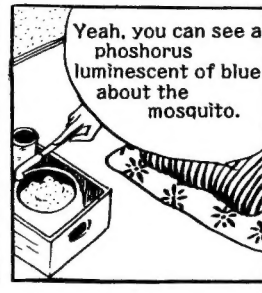
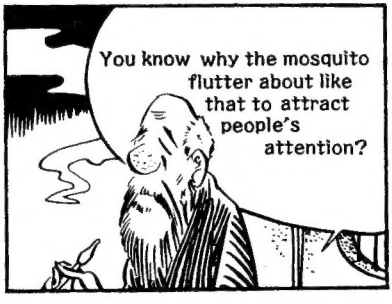
河童
KAPPA
"The story of a boy who met the water imp"

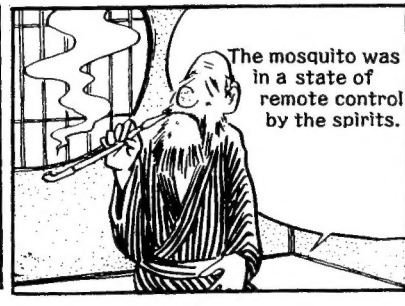
Grandpa, how come the spirits of the deap come out after dark?

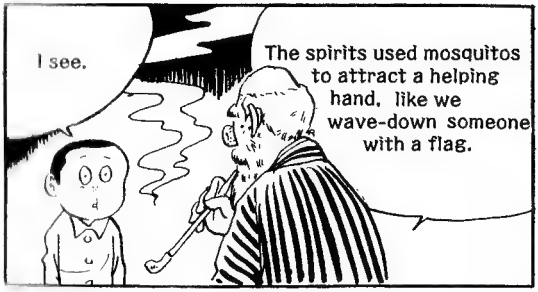

They're spirits who have gone astray and are in need of a guiding hand to lead them to that special place of serenity.

But, when a friend of mine caught it, he told me that it was just a mosquito.
They are looking for freedom.


Yeah, you can see a phoshorus luminescent of blue about the mosquito.

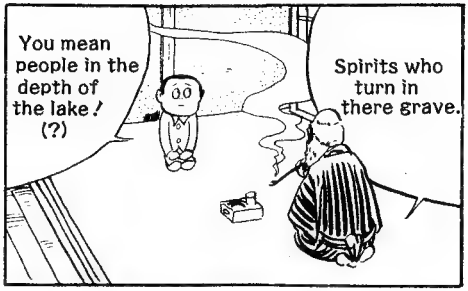

You know why the mosquito flutter about like that to attract people's attention?


The mosquito was in a state of remote control by the spirits.

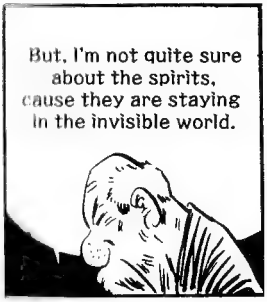

I see.
The spirits used mosquitos to attract a helping hand, like we wave-down someone with a flag.

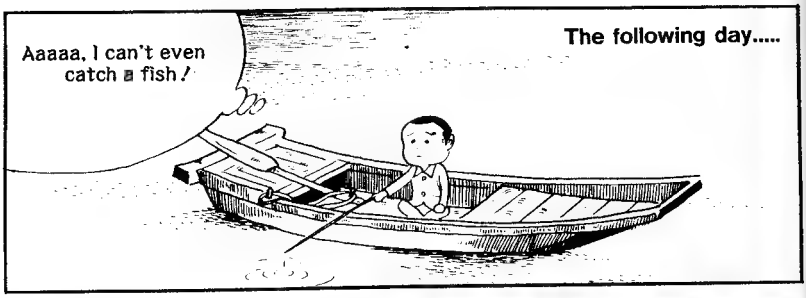
But, whose spirits are they?

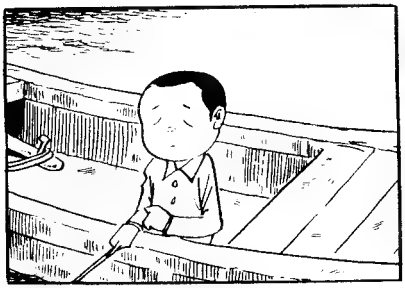
Spirits of people who have drowned or died in this lake, long-long ago.

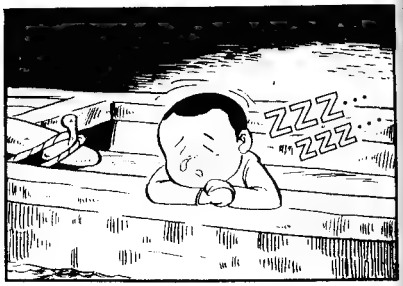

You mean people in the depth of the lake! (?)
Spirits who turn in there grave.

It could be.


But, I'm not quite sure about the spirits, cause they are staying in the invisible world.


Aaaaa, I can't even catch a fish!
The following day.....

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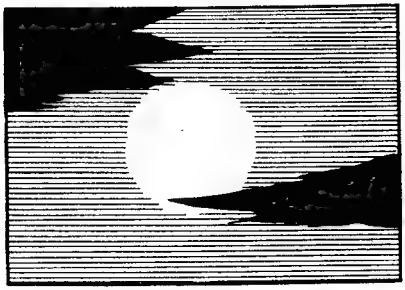
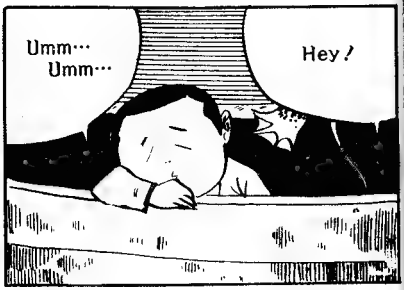
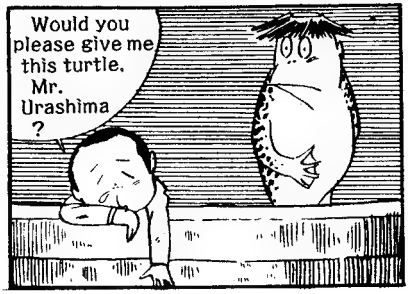
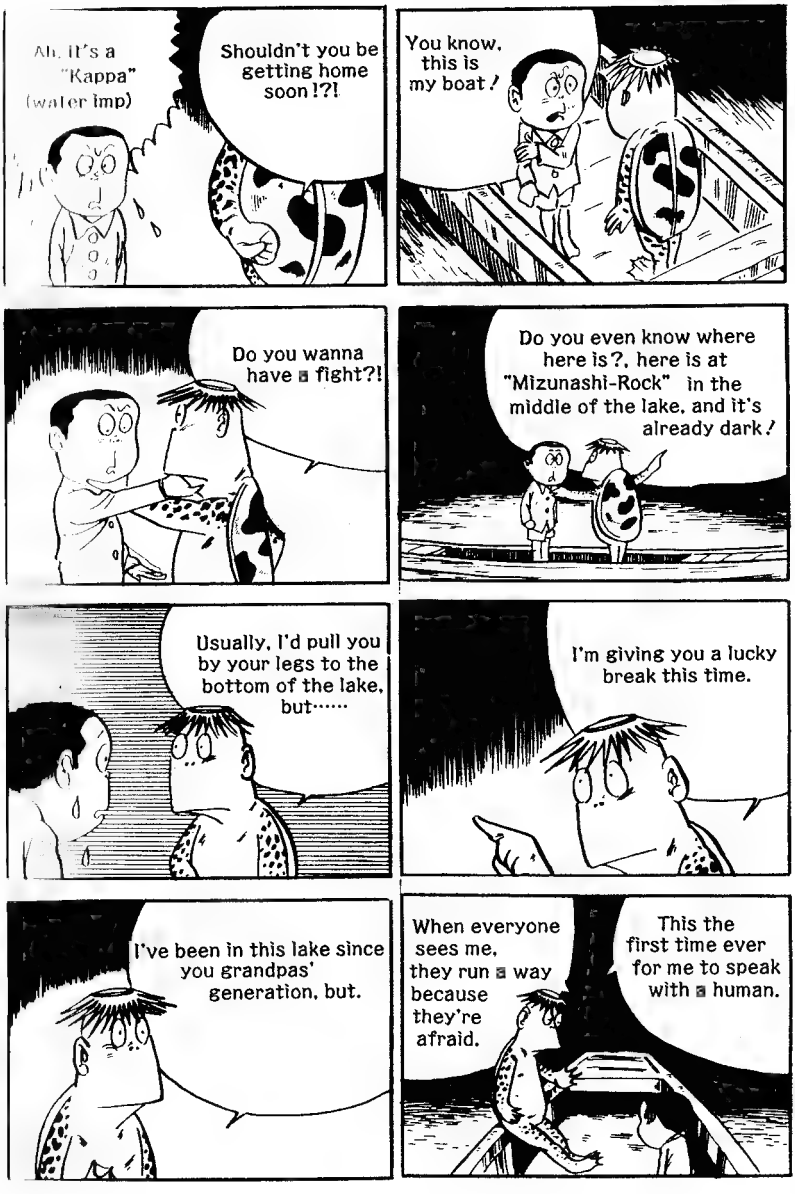
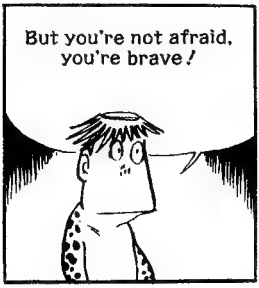


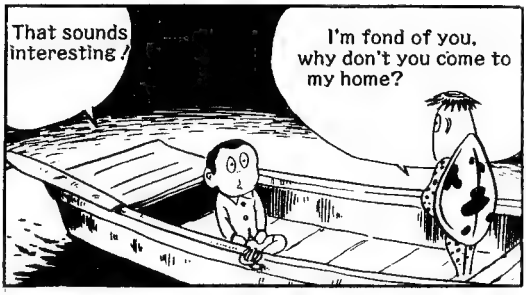

Umm···
Umm···
Hey!

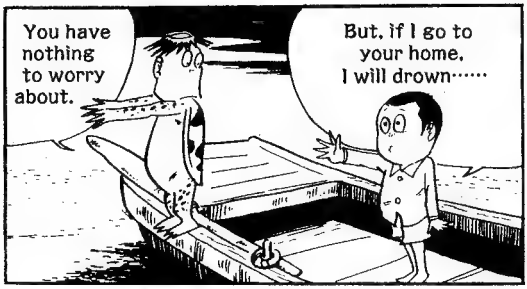

Would you please give me this turtle, Mr. Urashima ?

Hey, this is not a dream about "Urashima Taro" (an old story)
Konk

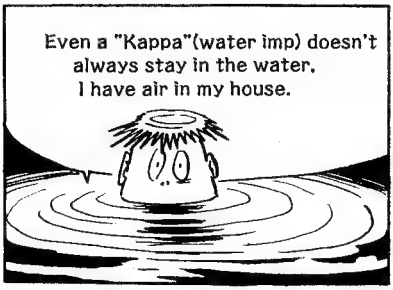

Ah, it's a "Kappa" (water imp)
Shouldn't you be getting home soon!?!
You know, this is my boat!
Do you wanna have a fight?!
Do you even know where here is?, here is at "Mizunashi-Rock" in the middle of the lake, and it's already dark!
Usually, I'd pull you by your legs to the bottom of the lake, but……
I'm giving you a lucky break this time.
I've been in this lake since you grandpas' generation, but.
When everyone sees me, they run a way because they're afraid.
This the first time ever for me to speak with a human.

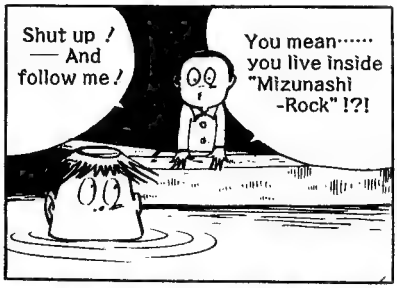

But you're not afraid, you're brave!

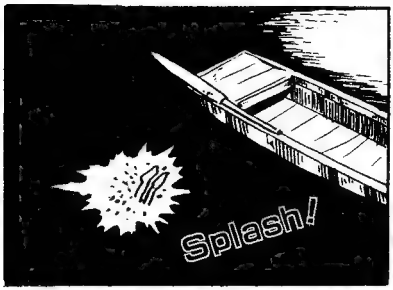

That sounds interesting!
I'm fond of you, why don't you come to my home?

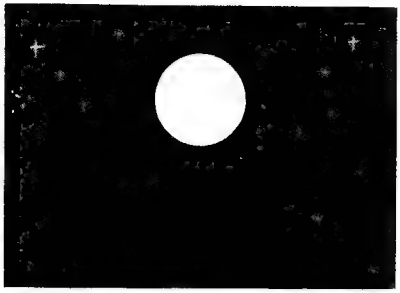

You have nothing to worry about.
But, if I go to your home, I will drown……

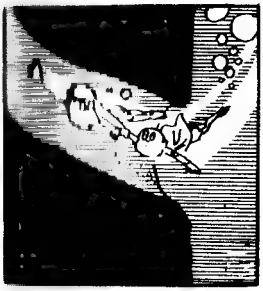
Splash!

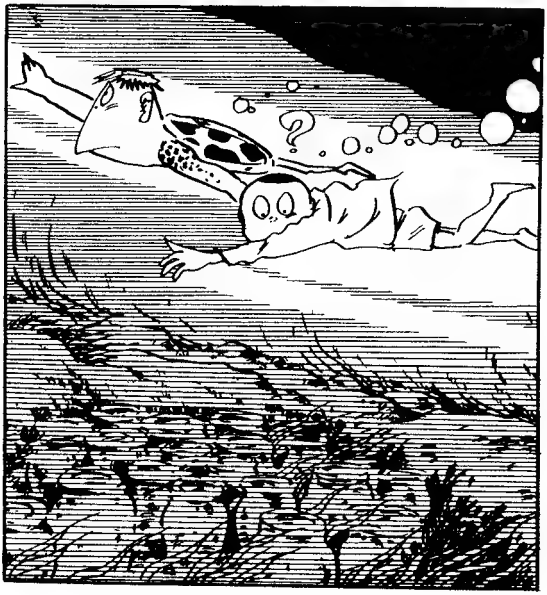

Even a "Kappa"(water imp) doesn't always stay in the water, I have air in my house.


Shut up! —— And follow me!
You mean…… you live inside "Mizunashi -Rock"!?!


Splash!







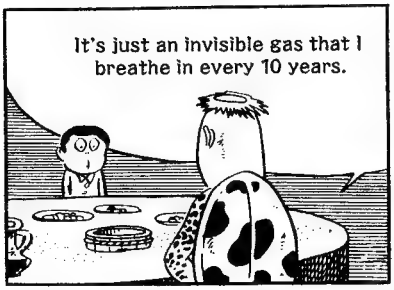
Anyway, lets' drink some "Kappa-Sake"

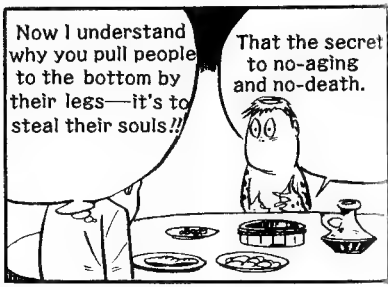
It looks like a comfortable life.

Try some of these pickled cucumbers.
I'm pleased with your drinking.
It's the real thing too!
This "Kappa-maki" also taste real good.
Ah! Ha-Ha-Ha
It's so good, it's making my mouth droopy.
Whad'ya talking about!!
You really surpuise me, my life feels like it's getting happier!
You could be my son-in-law!
Spast
Everyday, you could drink Sake, and live so carefree.
Hmmm
Never get old or die!

You probably saw the pots in the water when we were coming here!?

Spirits!?!
There are spirits in it.


It's just an invisible gas that I breathe in every 10 years.


Now I understand why you pull people to the bottom by their legs—it's to steal their souls!!
That the secret to no-aging and no-death.

150 years have past since I came here.

Everybody around this lake changes, except me!

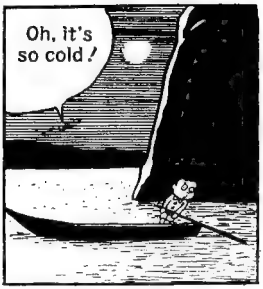
So you're enjoying an endless youth!?!
Exactly

Is it a signal?
We're frinds from now on, so if you throw 3 stones into the lake, I'll come-up to see you.

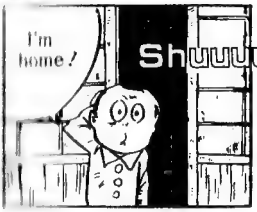
So, if you continue showing me your friendship, nexttime I let you drink "Human-Sake"!
That's right.

Now you're talking! well, I'll take you back now.

Be careful going home!


Oh, it's so cold!

Ah···Grandpa is still up.

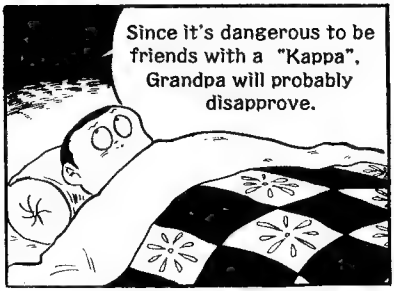

I'm home!
Shuuuu

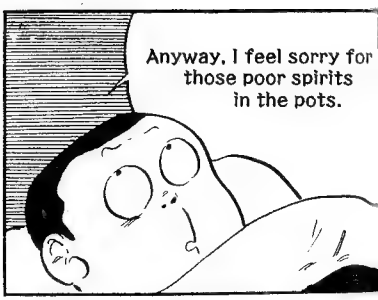
Where did you go!?
Idiot!

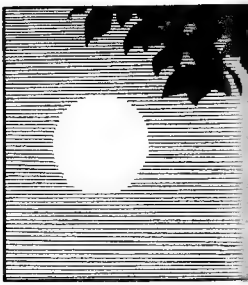
I think it's better if I don't say nothing to Grandpa.

Hurry-up and get to bed!

I fell asleep in the boat when I went fishing.







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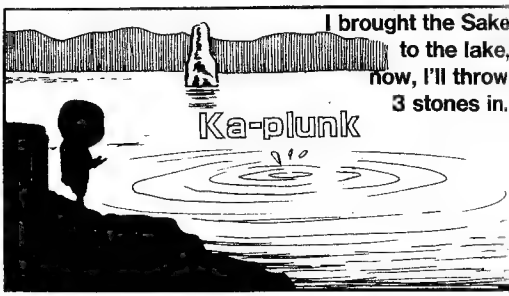

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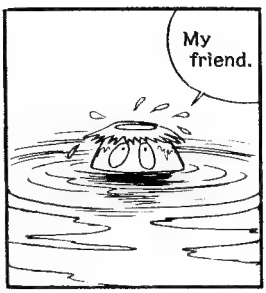
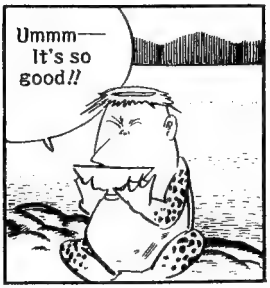

My friend.

Something smells good!

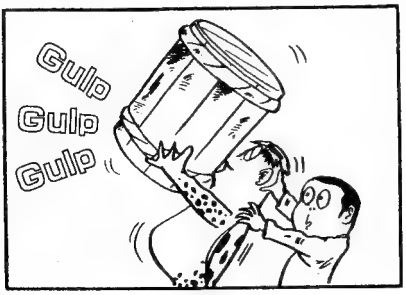
This is "Human-Sake", drink as much as you like.


Ummm— It's so good!!

Excuse me — but, could I have some more?
Gak-Gak-Gak

Yum
This is the first time that I've ever had good Sake like this.

Stand aside, as I drink straight from the barrel!


Gulp
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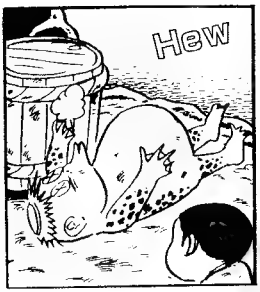
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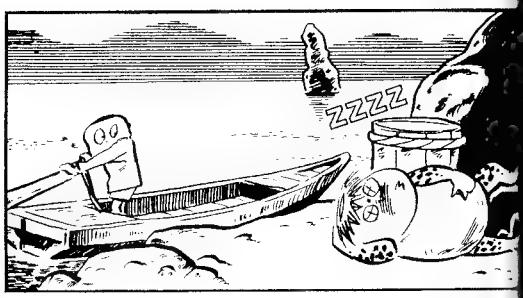
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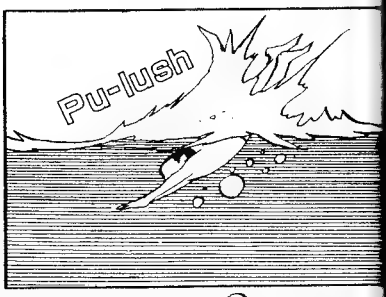
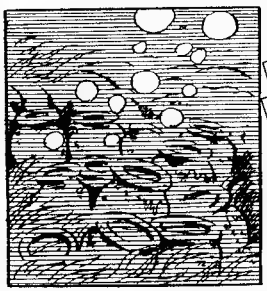
While he's sleeping I'll dive down and free the spirits.


Pu-lush



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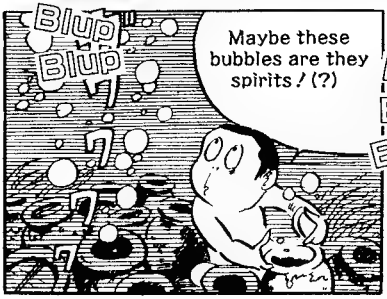
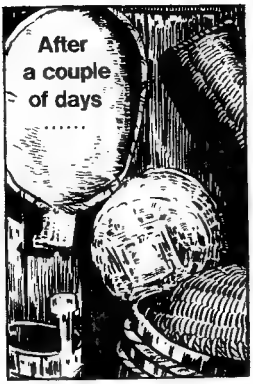
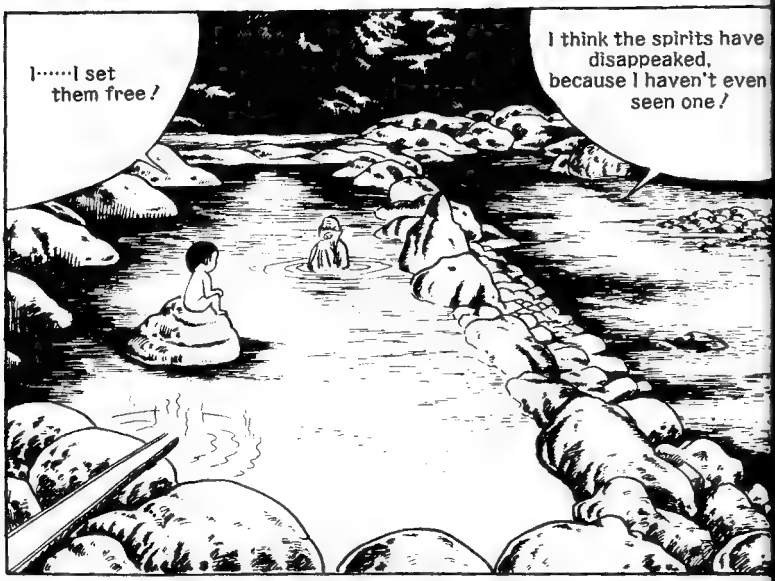

Blup
Blup
Maybe these bubbles are they spirits ! (?)

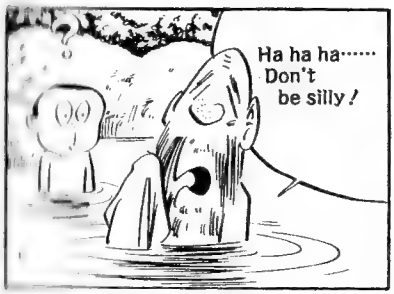
Blup
Blup
Blup
And this is the last one.

Fuuuu
I'll get back before "Kappa" suspects something.
Hey, It's acready dark!
What are you going to do, if people find you!?
Huh!
pu-lush

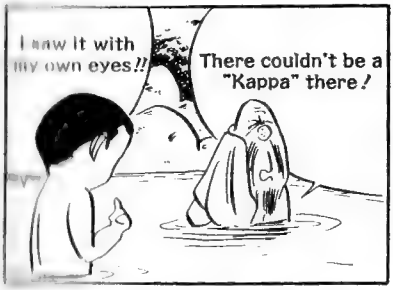

After a couple of days .....

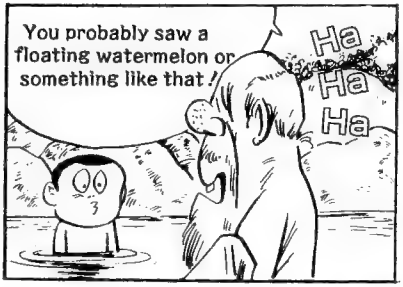

I.....I set them free!
I think the spirits have disappeaked, because I haven't even seen one!

To tell you the truth, there's a "Kappa" living in the lake, and he stole spirits for.....
What?


Ha ha ha……
Don't
be silly!

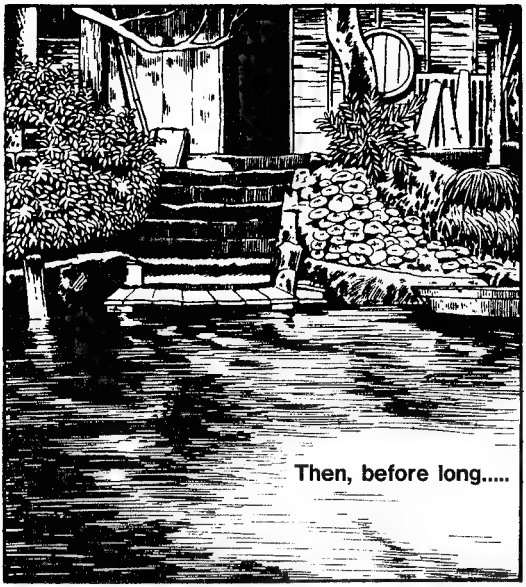
What did you
say Grandpa?


I saw it with
my own eyes!!
There couldn't be a
"Kappa" there!


You probably saw a
floating watermelon or
something like that!
Ha
Ha
Ha

It's no use!

He doesn't
believe me!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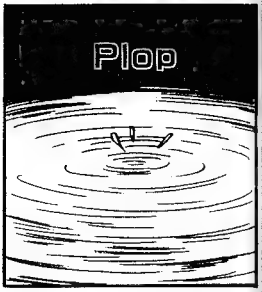
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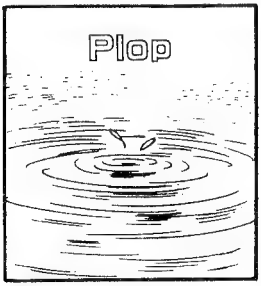
He doesn't come up!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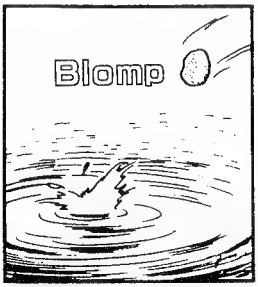
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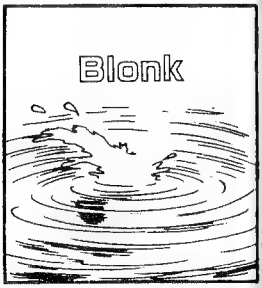
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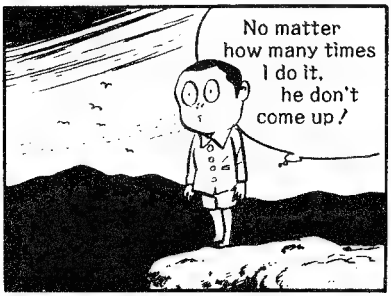
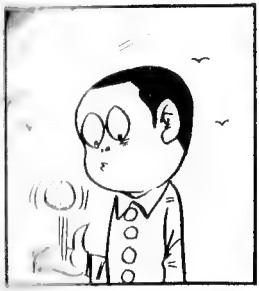
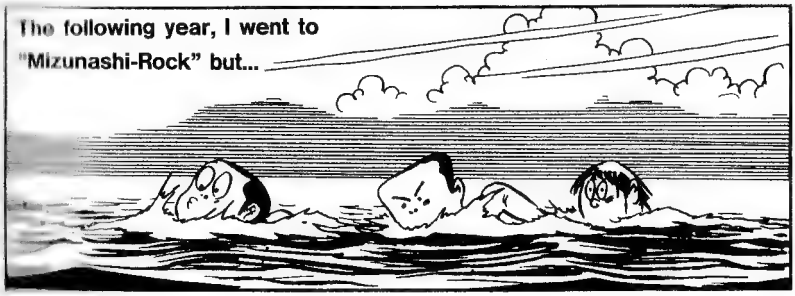

No matter how many times I do it, he don't come up!

Maybe he moved to another lake, since I set the spirits free! (?)

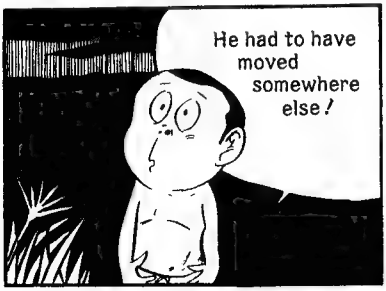
I also visited a far away lake.

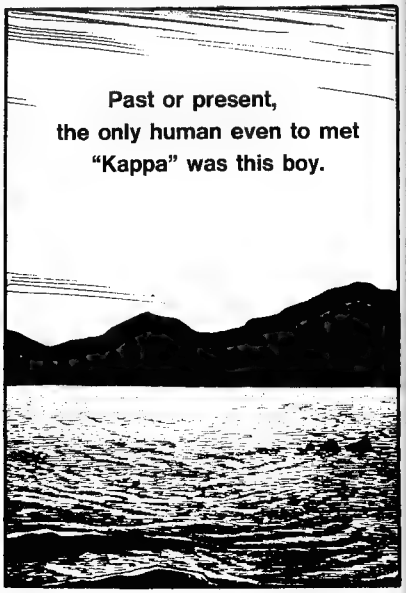
Even then, I didn't see him.




The following year, I went to "Mizunashi-Rock" but...

The rock inside was in ruin.





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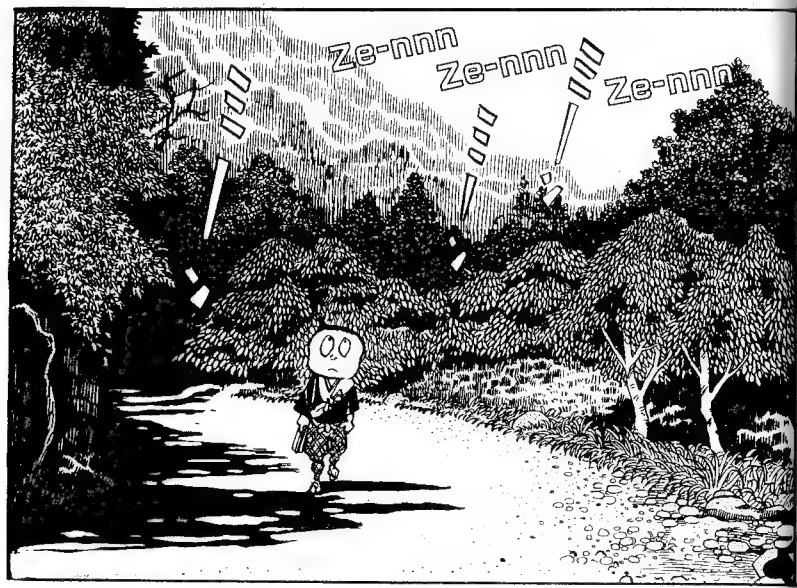
"Successful in an examination"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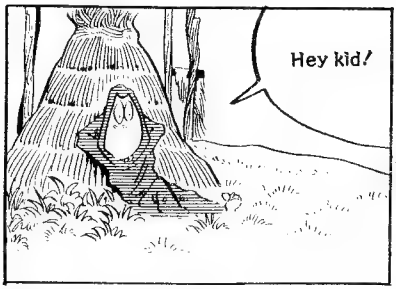
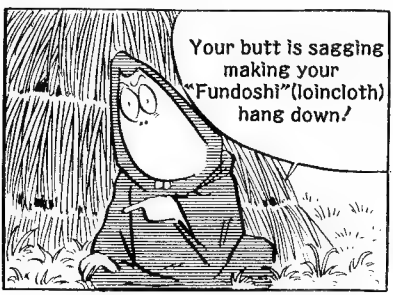
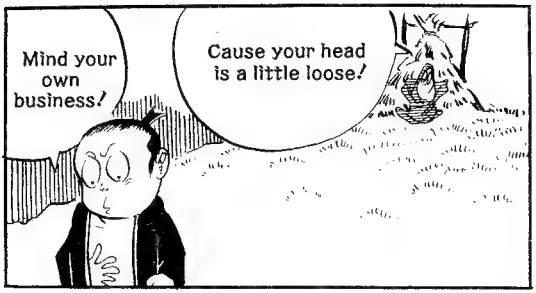

Hey kid!

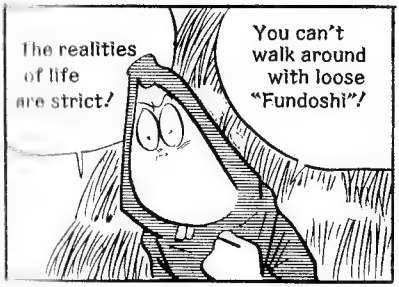
Wha-what!? You soond familiar!
?

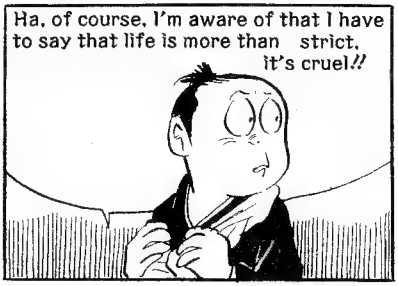

Your butt is sagging making your "Fundoshi"(loincloth) hang down!

Oh-no!

It's not sagging, the "Fundoshi" is just a little loose!

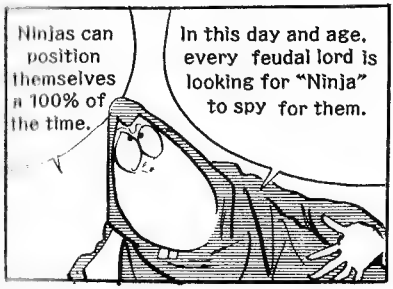

Mind your own business!
Cause your head is a little loose!


The realities of life are strict!
You can't walk around with loose "Fundoshi"!

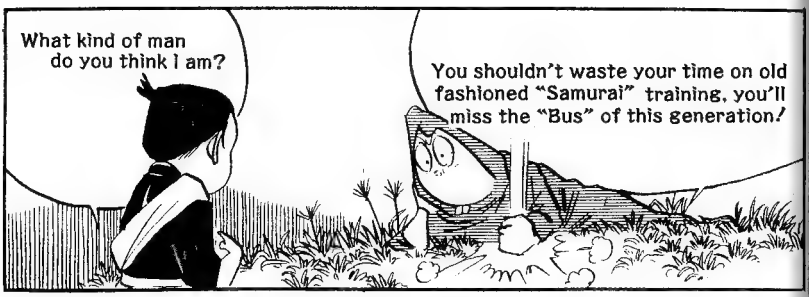

Ha, of course, I'm aware of that I have to say that life is more than strict, it's cruel!!

Now, people let their mind go to waste.
Exactly!

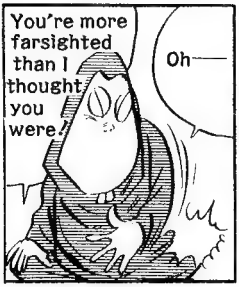
The corroption of the whole country has spread like weeds!

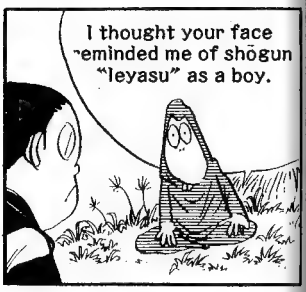

Ninjas can position themselves a 100% of the time.
In this day and age, every feudal lord is looking for "Ninja" to spy for them.

Plus, they're treated well and good income is guaranteed!!


What kind of man do you think I am?
You shouldn't waste your time on old fashioned "Samurai" training, you'll miss the "Bus" of this generation!

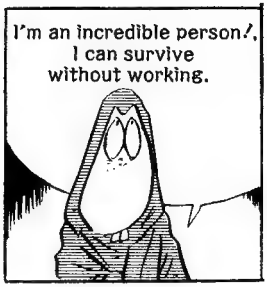
I came to Iga from far away to be a "Ninja".


You're more farsighted than I thought you were!
Oh——

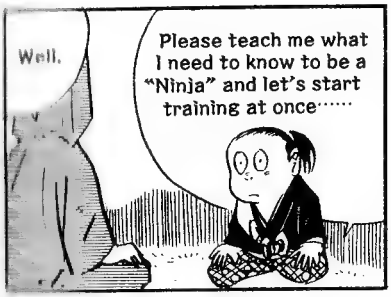

I thought your face reminded me of shōgun "Ieyasu" as a boy.

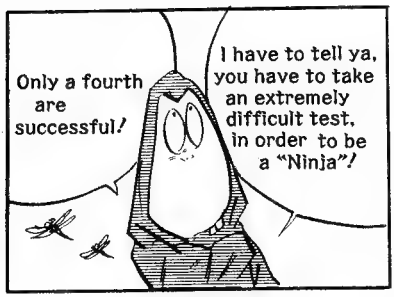
Come closer! I've been waiting for a "Super Boy" like yourself!

Come here! I'll show you my I.D.
You don't have to flatter me, tell me who you are! (?)

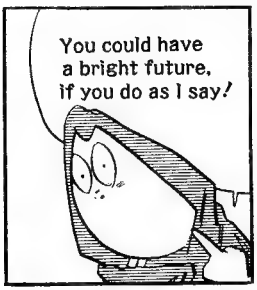

I'm an incredible person!, I can survive without working.

Please excuse my rudeness····

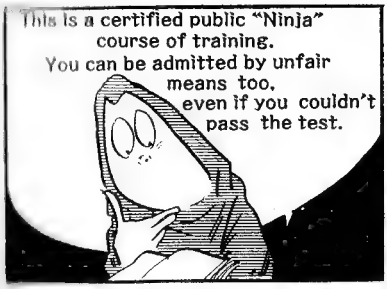

Well.
Please teach me what I need to know to be a "Ninja" and let's start training at once·····

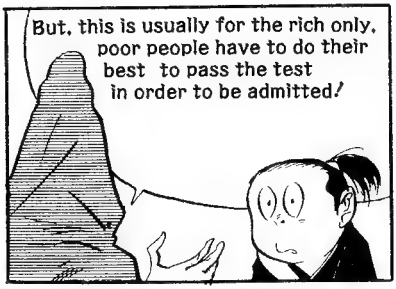

Only a fourth are successful!
I have to tell ya, you have to take an extremely difficult test, in order to be a "Ninja"!

However···
It sounds difficult!


You could have a bright future, if you do as I say!

I'll do it!, please give me your guidance and encovragement.

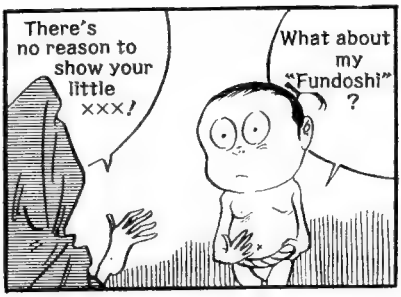

This is a certified public "Ninja" course of training. You can be admitted by unfair means too, even if you couldn't pass the test.

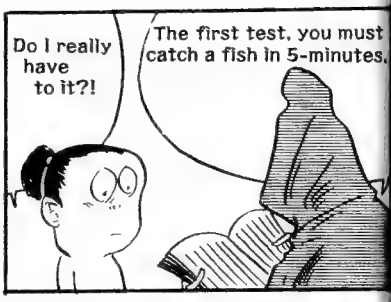

But, this is usually for the rich only, poor people have to do their best to pass the test in order to be admitted!

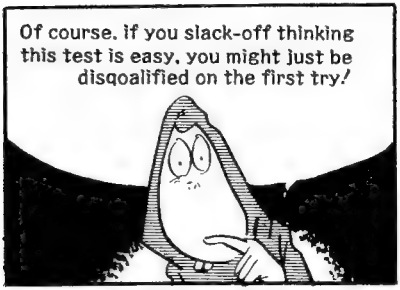
Then I should pay attention yes, you should.
Sure!

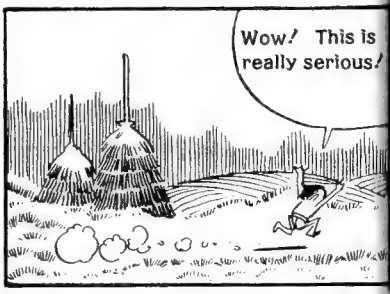
First of all, take off your clothes.

Leave your lunch box and money here.


There's no reason to show your little xxx!
What about my "Fundoshi" ?


Do I really have to it?!
The first test, you must catch a fish in 5-minutes.

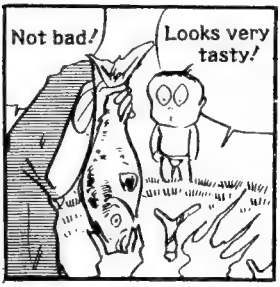

Of course. if you slack-off thinking this test is easy, you might just be disqoalified on the first try!


Wow! This is really serious!

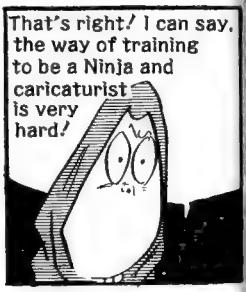
Chomp Chomp

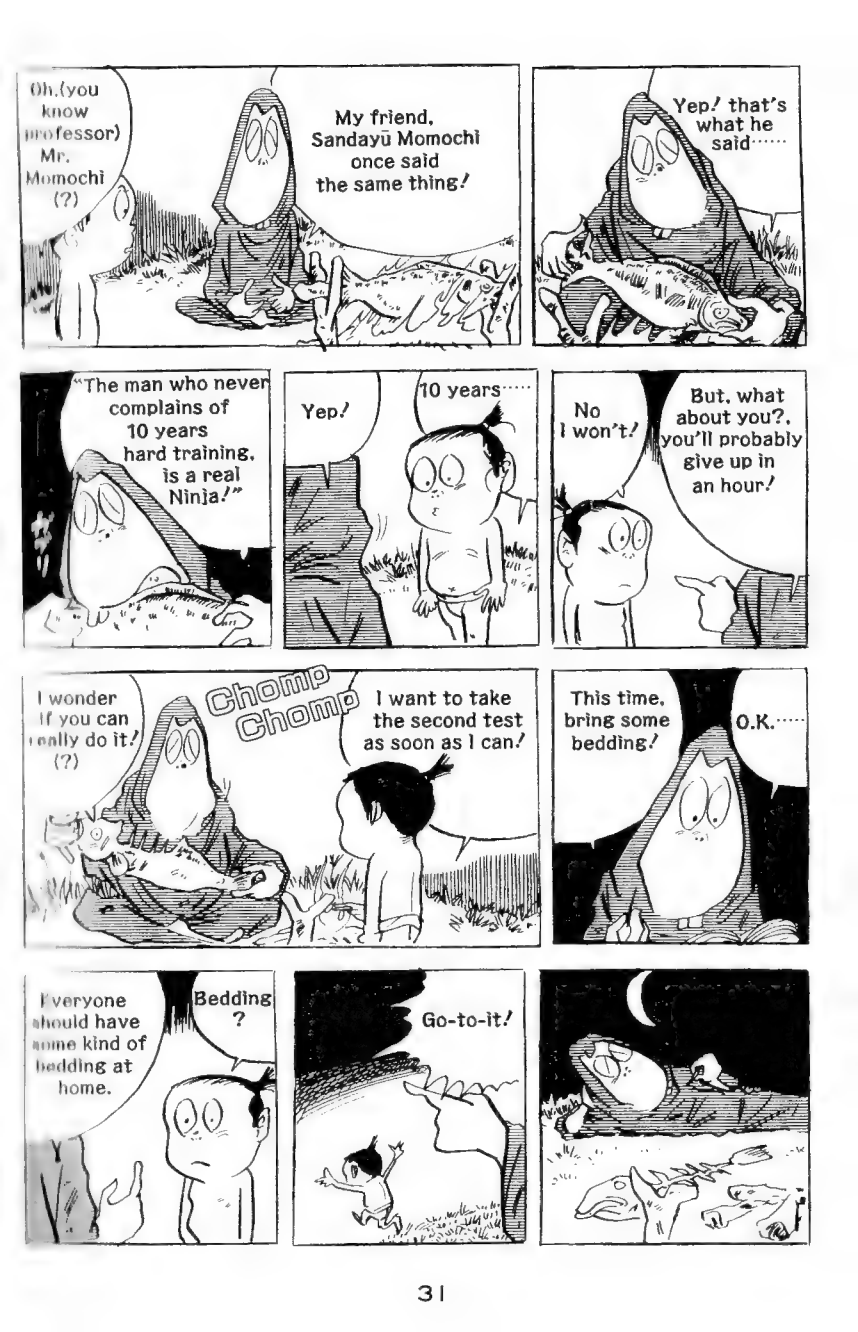
Gulp Gulp

Well·····
I did it, sir·····


Not bad!
Looks very tasty!

Awful busy, hoh?
Second test.


That's right! I can say, the way of training to be a Ninja and caricaturist is very hard!

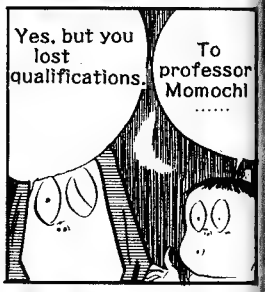

Oh,(you know professor) Mr. Momochi (?)
My friend, Sandayū Momochi once said the same thing!
Yep! that's what he said……
"The man who never complains of 10 years hard training, is a real Ninja!"
Yep!
10 years……
No I won't!
But, what about you?, you'll probably give up in an hour!
I wonder if you can really do it! (?)
Chomp Chomp
I want to take the second test as soon as I can!
This time, bring some bedding!
O.K.……
Everyone should have some kind of bedding at home.
Bedding ?
Go-to-it!

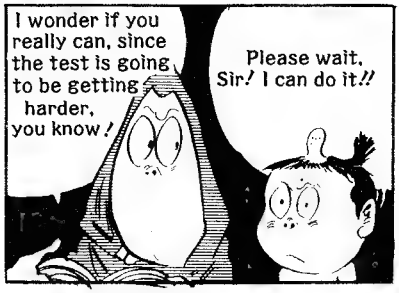
You've done well! sonow, I can give you test-three.
I've done what you've asked of me!
Poof

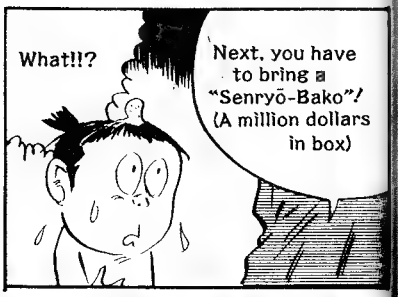
Huh? I have to do more··· when I just got beat on the head and punched in the got while stealing the bedding ·····

It's O.K. if you don't want to go on!
Hmmmm

I hope to introduce you to professor Momochi, but since you're giving-up·····


Yes, but you lost qualifications.
To professor Momochi ·····


I wonder if you really can, since the test is going to be getting harder, you know!
Please wait, Sir! I can do it!!


What!!?
Next, you have to bring a "Senryō-Bako"! (A million dollars in box)

Sure I can! How many hours do I have?
Can't do it, how?

Yes, Sir!
12 hours!

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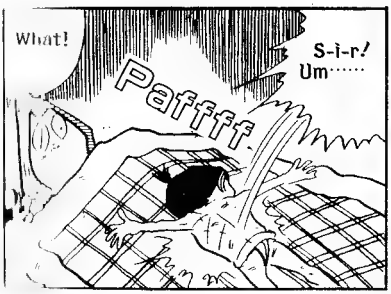
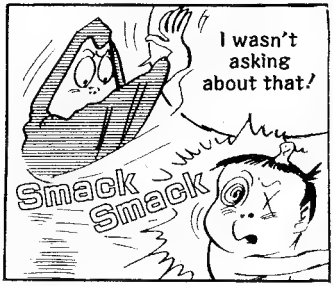

What!
S-i-r! Um……
Paffff.

What about the "Senryō-Bako"?

See my sword injuries!

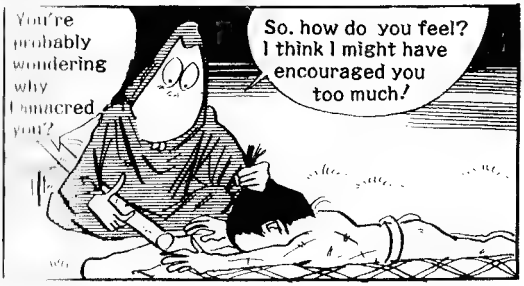

I wasn't asking about that!
Smack Smack

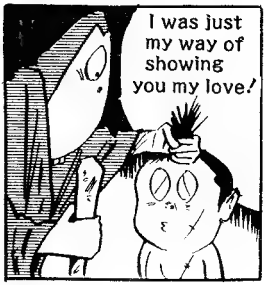
I was asking about the "Senryō-Bako"!

Over… over there!

Let's see.

Wow, it's really heavy! you did a good job!


You're probably wondering why I massacred you?
So, how do you feel? I think I might have encouraged you too much!

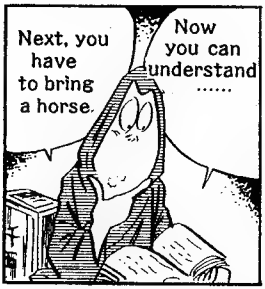

I was just my way of showing you my love!

I've heard that a lion will let their young fall to the bottom of a ravine… Because they love their young, it's like a trial of reality, ya know what I mean?

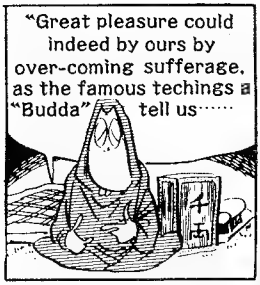
Alright! I slug ya again!
Noo ooo!

I'm sorry! I'll take the test!

Really? that's the best thing for you!


Next, you have to bring a horse.
Now you can understand ……

This says, you have to bring one horse!
A horse?

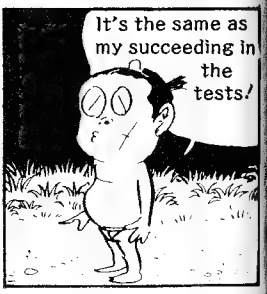

"Great pleasure could indeed by ours by over-coming sufferage, as the famous techings a "Budda" tell us……

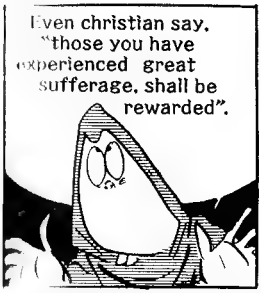
Old people say, "everyone expriences pain, everyone experiences comfort".
You see?

What a big shot!
Great!

Theres also a saying, "a gem never shines without polishing".

Wow, what a great boy you are!
Pat


It's the same as my succeeding in the tests!


Even christian say, "those you have experienced great sufferage, shall be rewarded".

Go for it!

The reward of great honor is yours!

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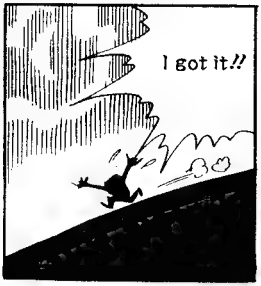
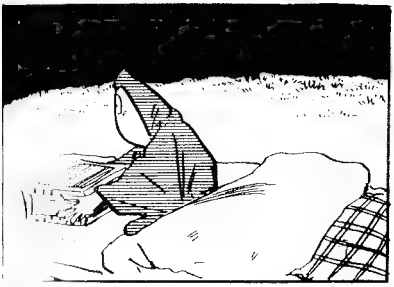
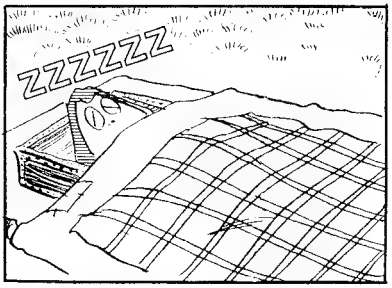

I got it!!

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Huh?
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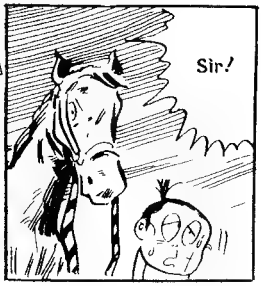
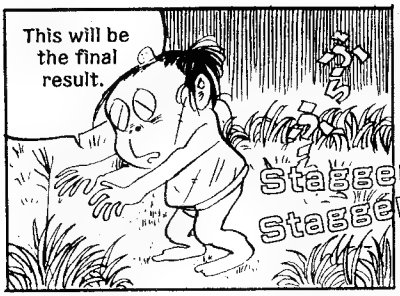
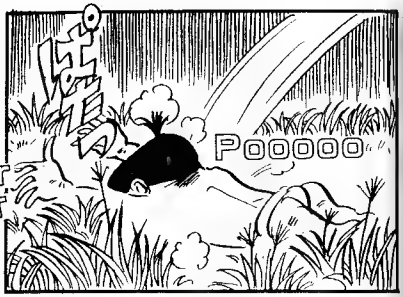

Sir!


This will be the final result.
Stagger
Stagger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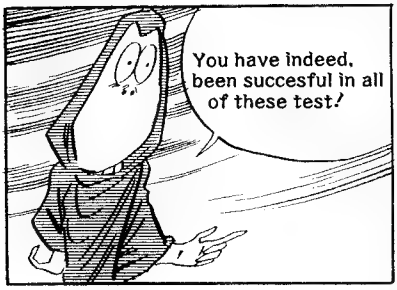
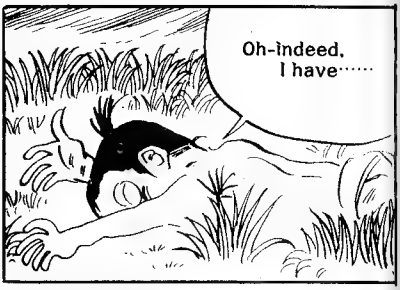
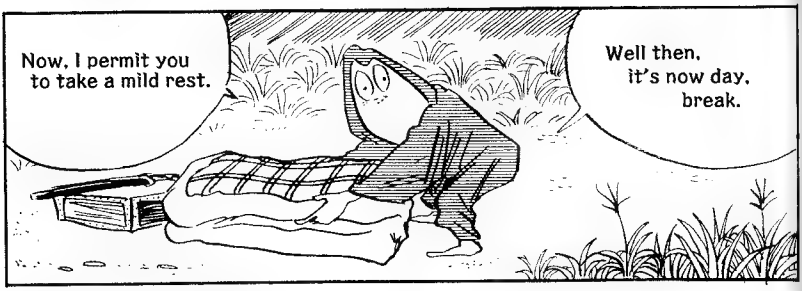

You have indeed, been succesful in all of these test!


Oh-indeed, I have……


Now, I permit you to take a mild rest.
Well then, it's now day, break.

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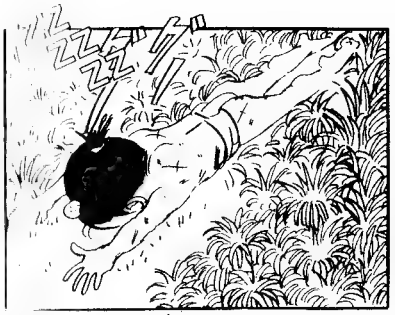
Real sleep!
Oooooh, finally some sleep!!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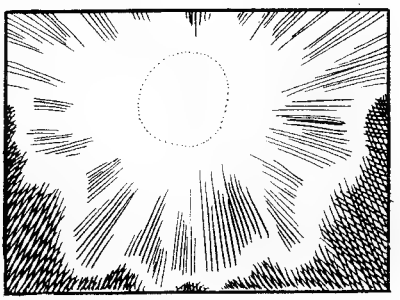

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Huhhhh

Ahhh...

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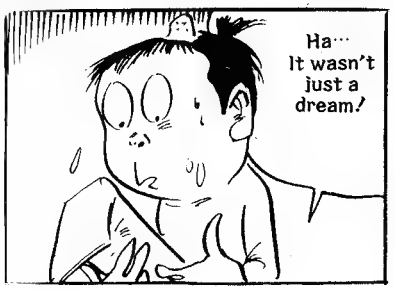
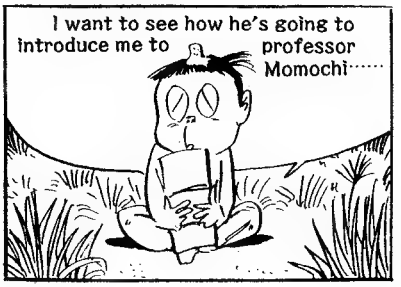
What(?)


Ha... It wasn't just a dream!


I want to see how he's going to introduce me to professor Momochi.....

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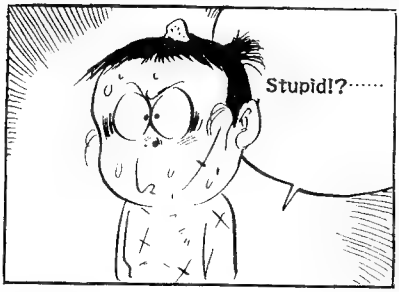
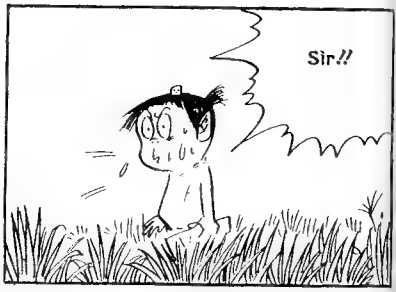
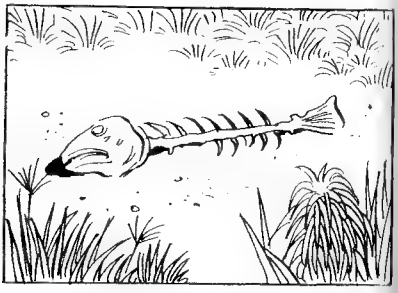
Stupid!


Stupid!?……


Sir!!

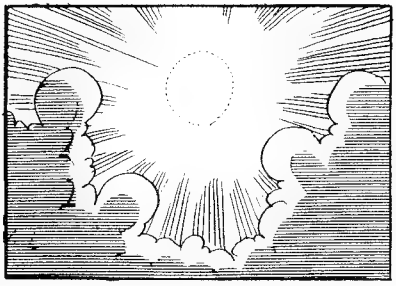
Oh, his things are gone!

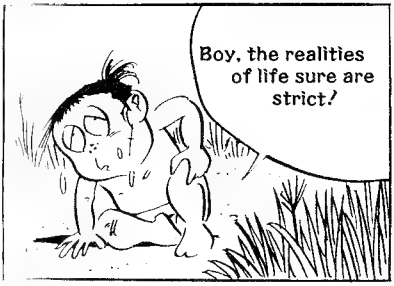


He took everything I had!

Haaaaa——

How greedy can ya be!!



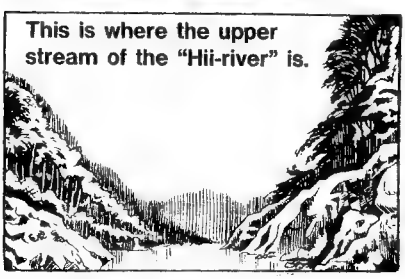

Boy, the realities of life sure are strict!

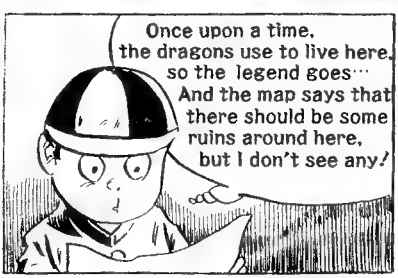
Ze-nnn
Ze-nnn
Ze-nnn

YAMATA-NO-OROCHI

"The legend of the orochi dragon, long ago···"

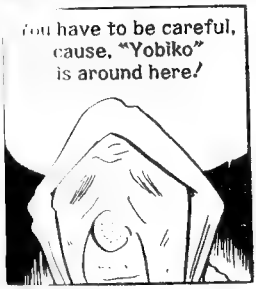
"A legend is always based on truth, even though it has been distorted by the long passing at time."
Conan Doil.

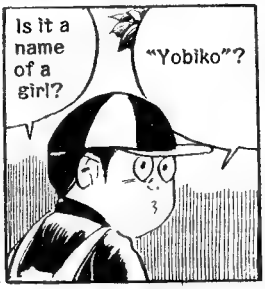


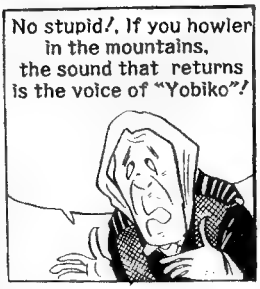


I guess it's time to go.

Huh?
Hey you!, where are you going to?

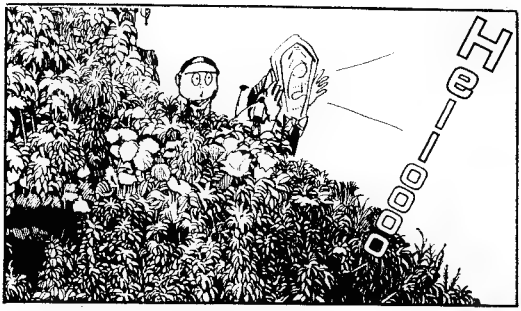

You have to be careful, cause, "Yobiko" is around here!

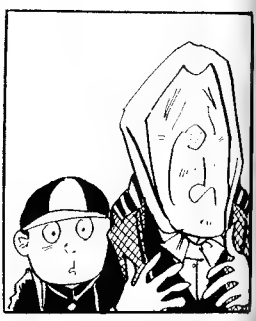

Is it a name of a girl?
"Yobiko"?

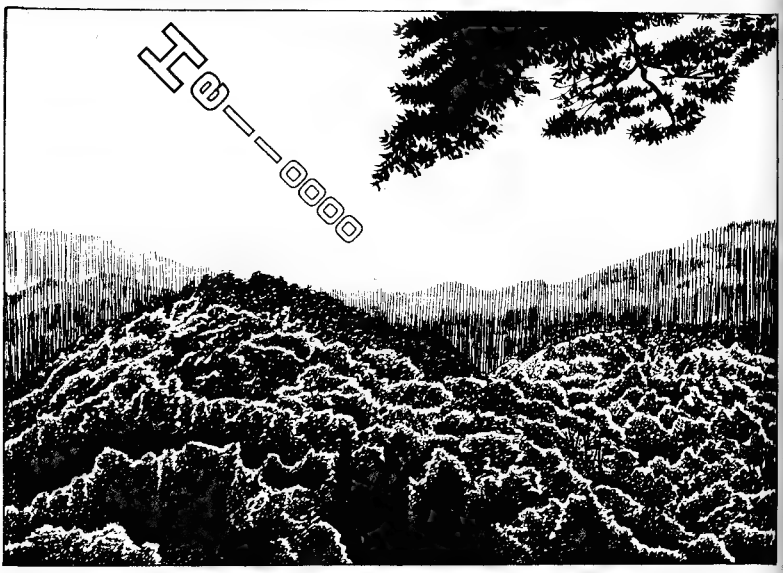

No stupid!, If you howler in the mountains, the sound that returns is the voice of "Yobiko"!

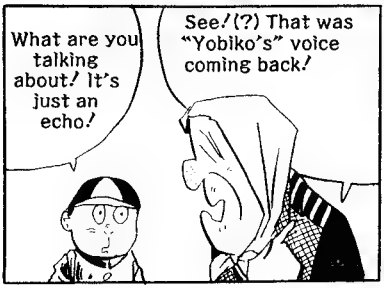
I can't understand what this old man is talking about!(?)

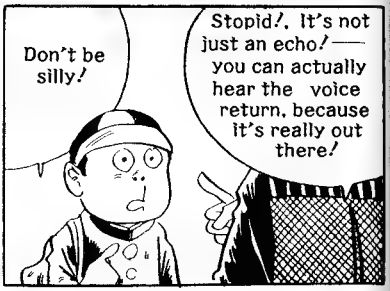
O.K.……
O.K. I'll yell and show you!


Hello——oooo




Hello——oooo


What are you talking about! It's just an echo!
See!(?) That was "Yobiko's" voice coming back!


Don't be silly!
Stopid!. It's not just an echo!—— you can actually hear the voice return, because it's really out there!

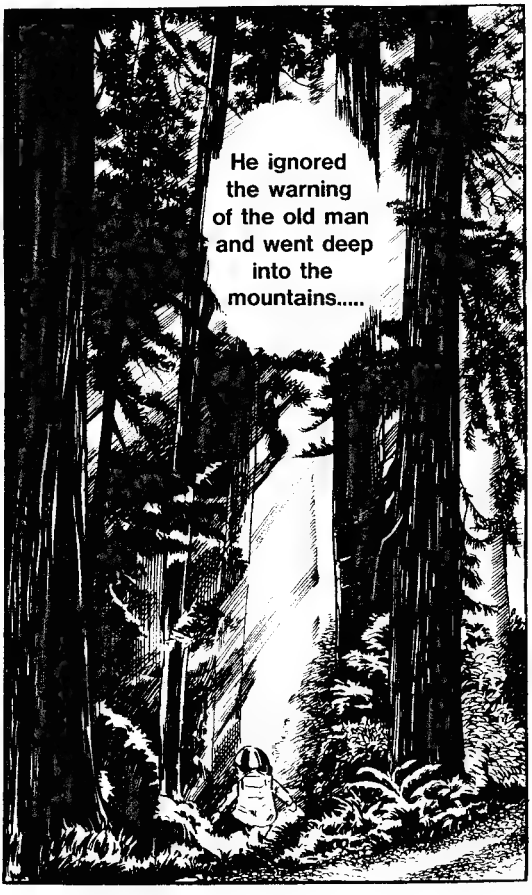
Stupid! It's a ghost!
If it's really true, I want to go and see for myself!

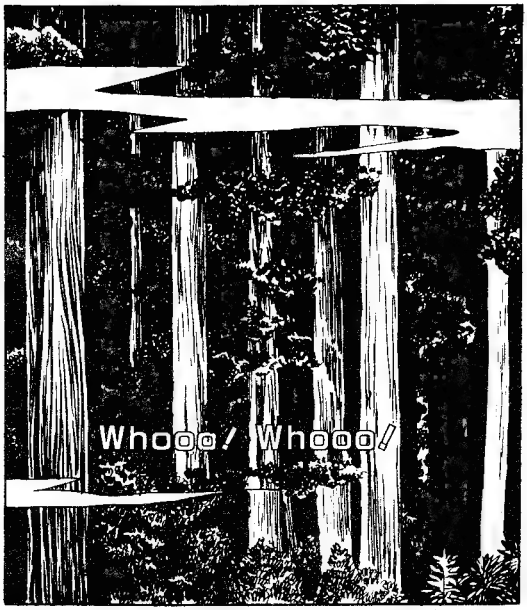
It does things that humans can't understand!
A ghost!(?)

Gee, that's interesting!

Stop! I warn you, don't be foolish!

Irrecoverable things might happen to you!


He ignored the warning of the old man and went deep into the mountains.....


Whooo! Whooo!

Oh no. I think I'm lose!

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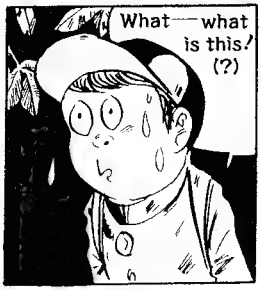
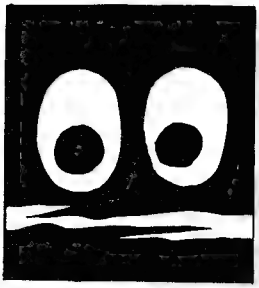

What—what is this! (?)

Maybe it's a sign, telling me not to enter!(?)

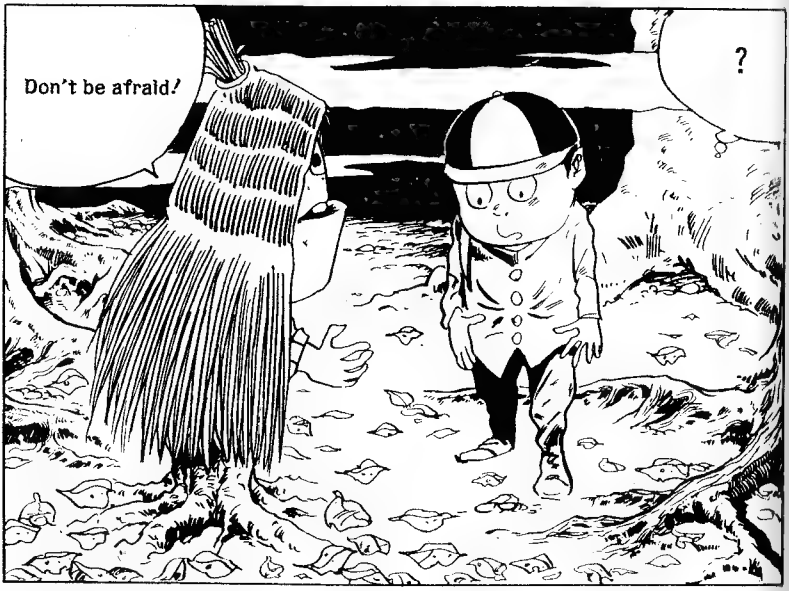
What a strange place.

Looks like nobody has been here for about 200 or 300 years.

Wow!



Come!


Don't be afraid!
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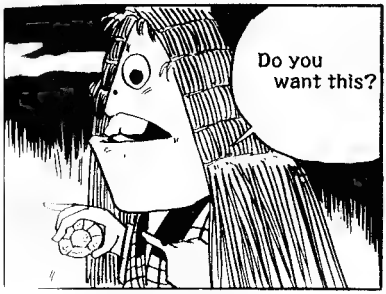
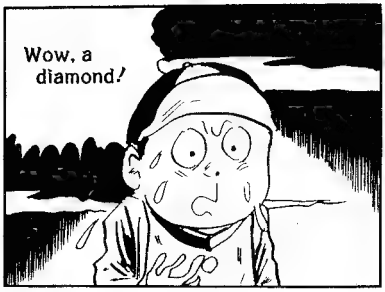
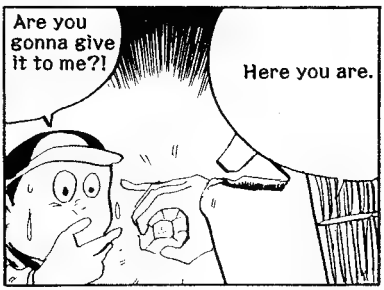
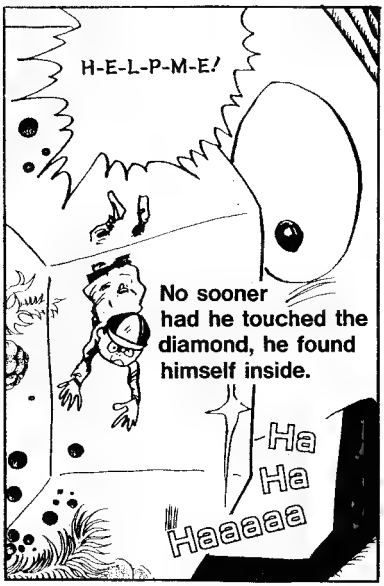

Do you want this?


Wow, a diamond!

Go-on, hold it!
Yep, It's a diamond alright!
Ah, Ha Ha Haaaaa


Are you gonna give it to me?!
Here you are.


H-E-L-P-M-E!
No sooner had he touched the diamond, he found himself inside.
Ha Ha Haaaaa

Aaaaaa——!
Whoooost

I'm "Yobiko". Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha!
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha

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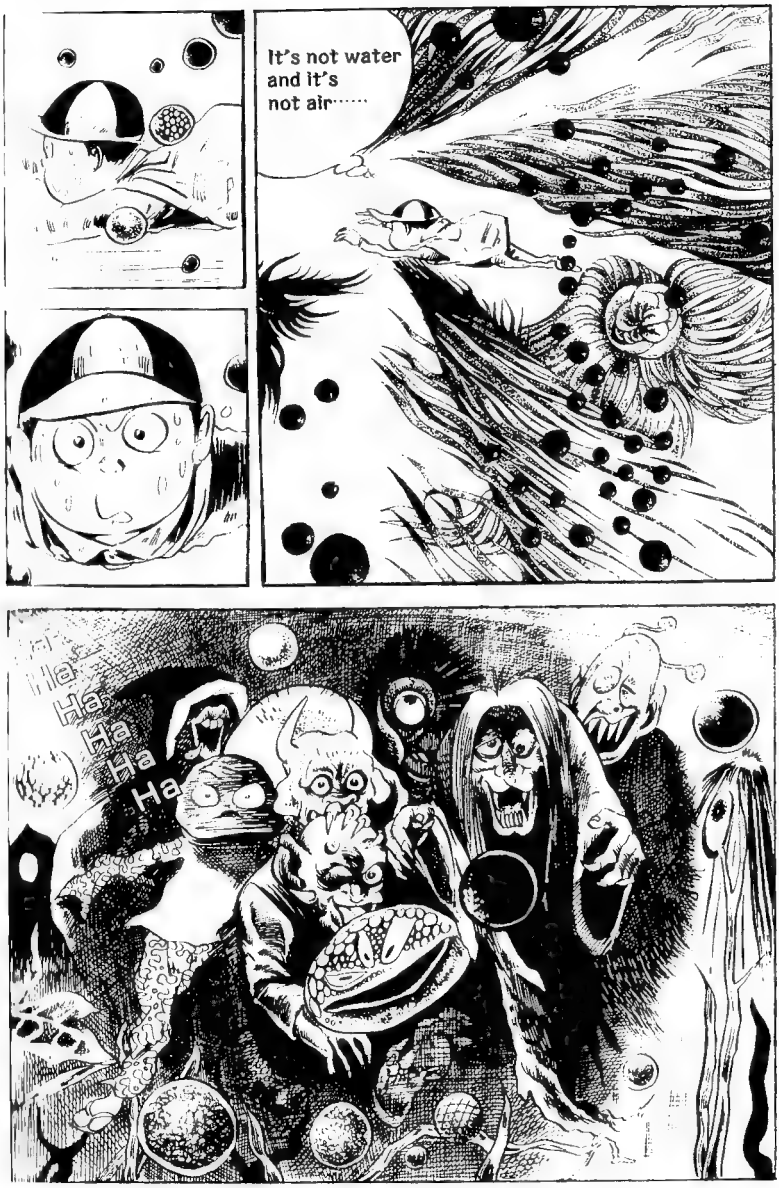
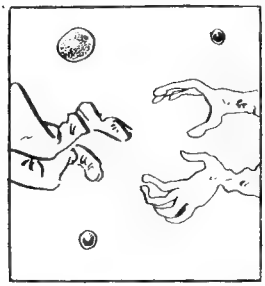
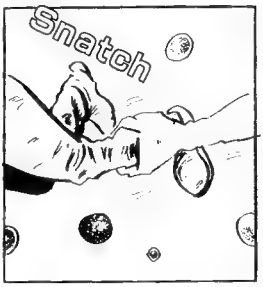
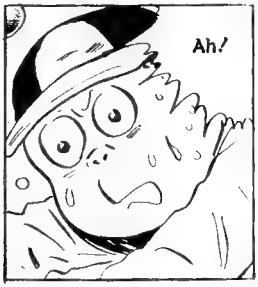
What a strange world in here!


It's not water and it's not air……
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha

Kick
Kick
Kick

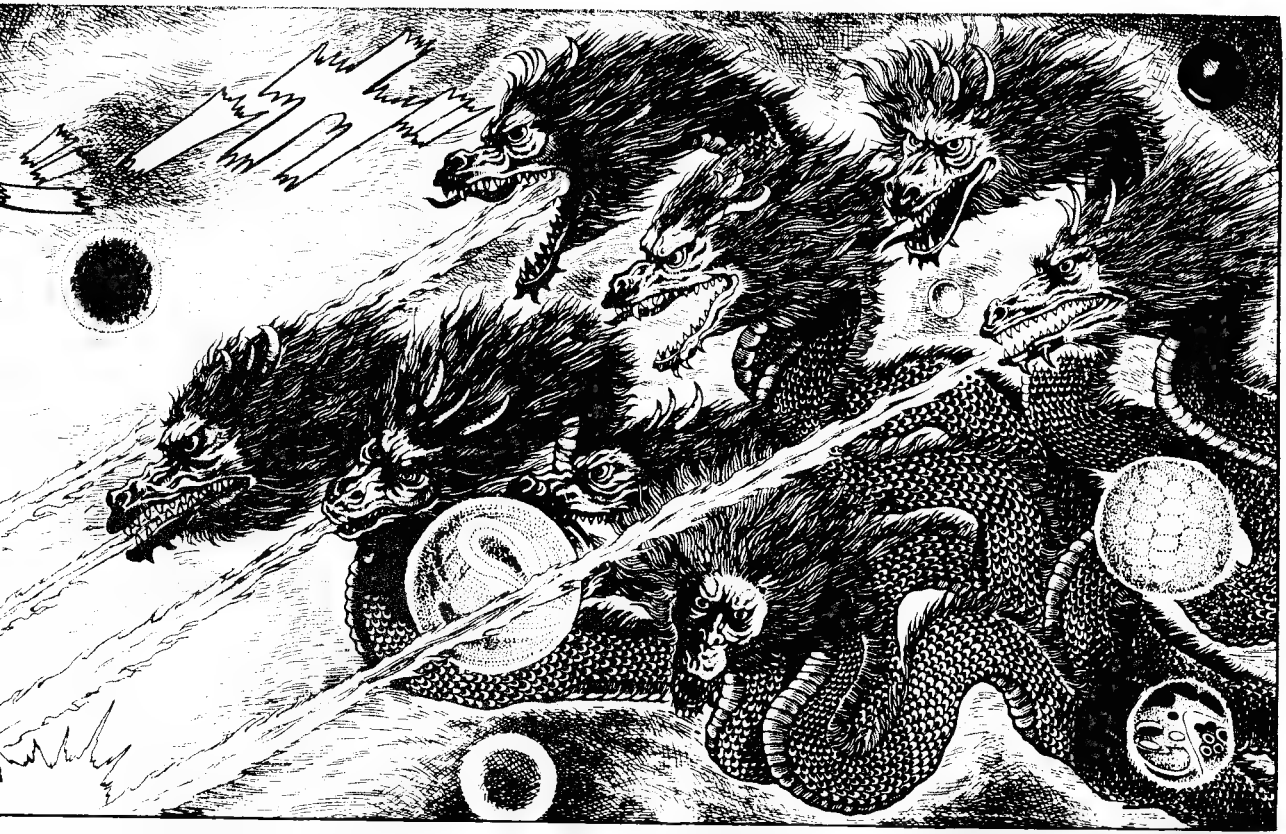



Snatch

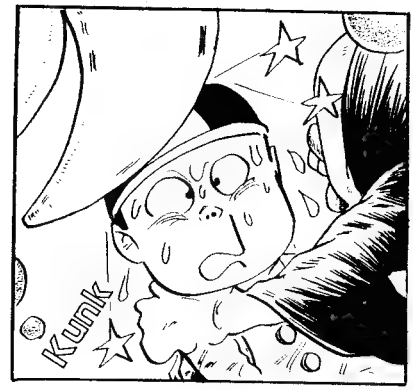

Ah!

Now.
We're going to take you to the dragon "Mr. Orochi"
You're just wasting your time, resisting us in this world!

What, you're not talking about the legend, "Mr. Orochi" are you?!
Oh-No!



Raaaaaah
No use trying to run away! All people entering this world has to be eaten!
Haaaak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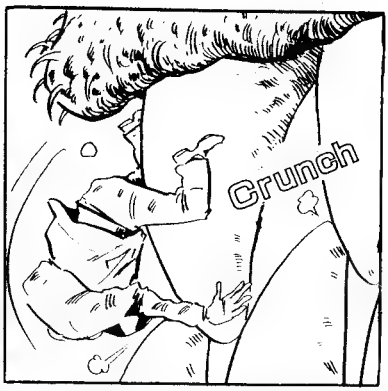
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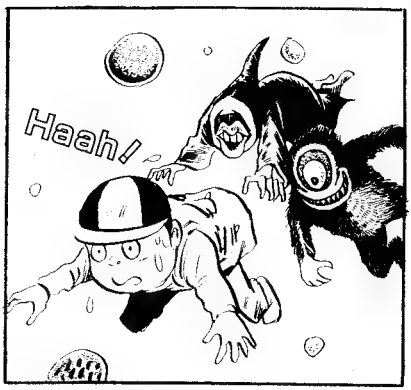
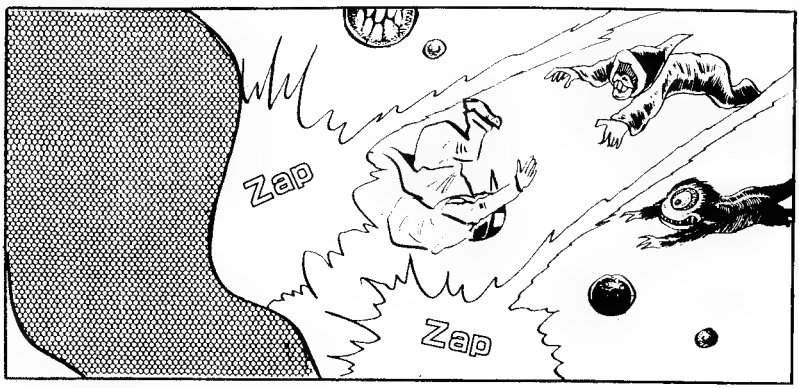

Haah!

Kaaaaa!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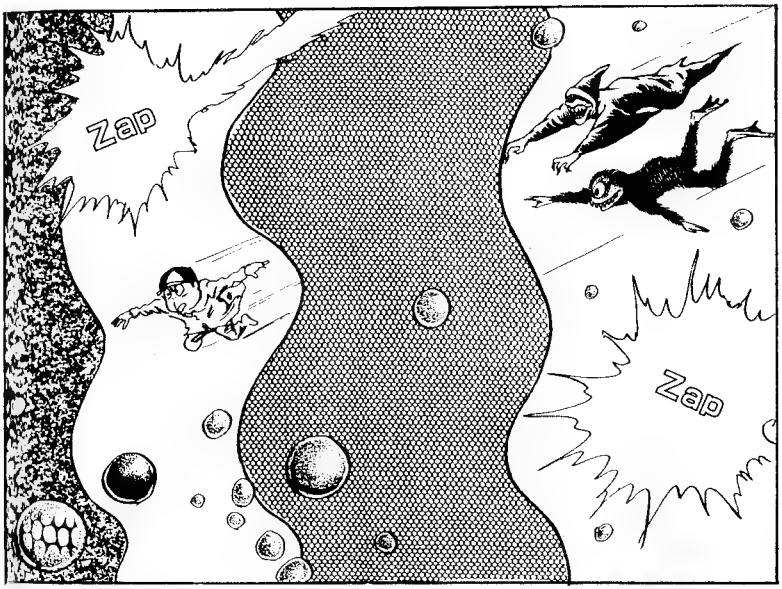
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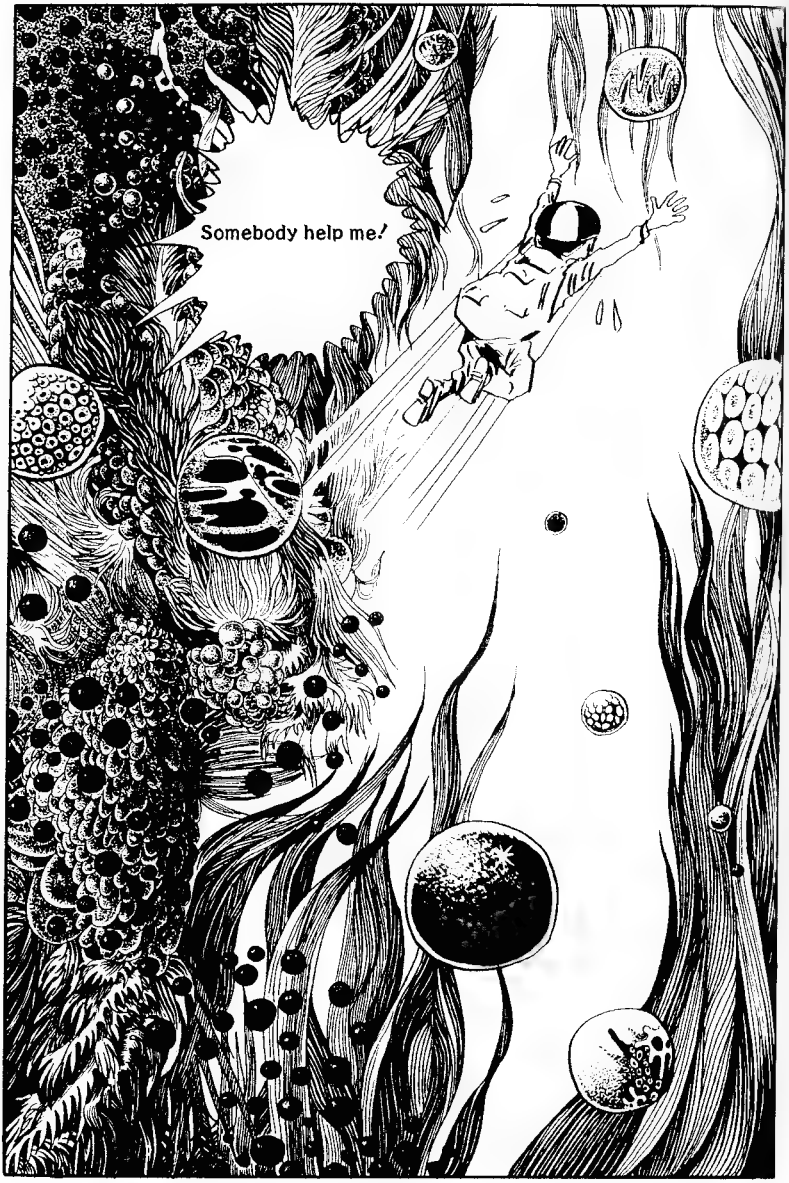
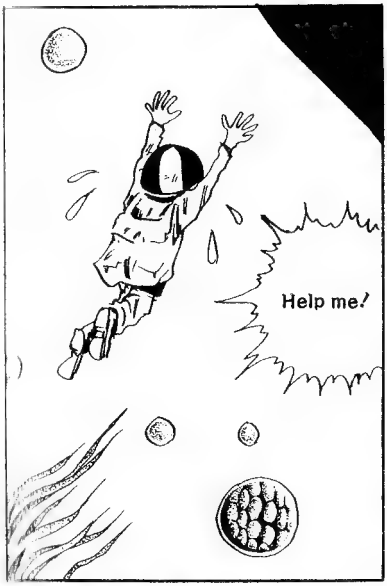
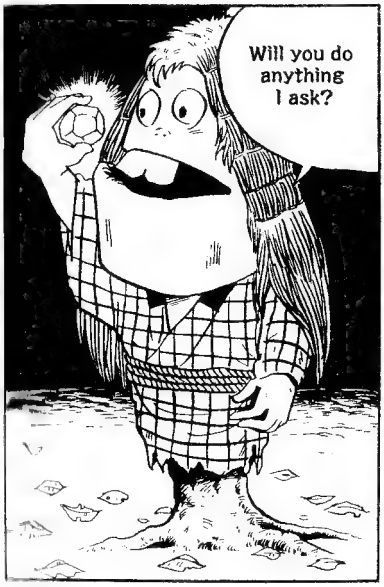
There he is, he's stuck in ground!

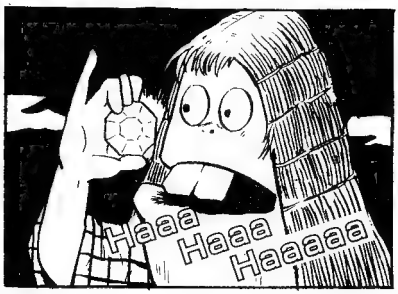

Somebody help me!

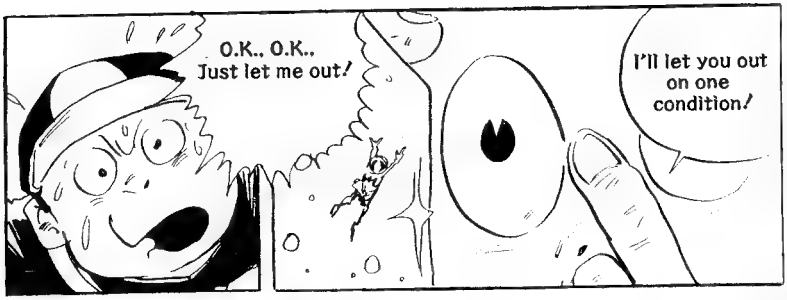

Help me!

Let me out!
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha


Will you do anything I ask?

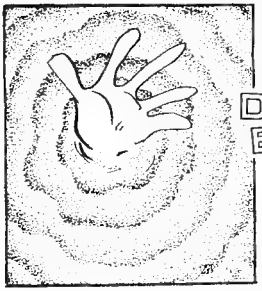
Yes, anything! Just let me out!

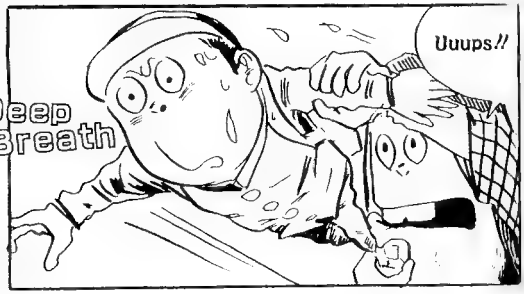

Haaa Haaa Haaaaa


O.K., O.K.. Just let me out!
I'll let you out on one condition!

Hurry up- Hurry up!!
Alright, change bodies!

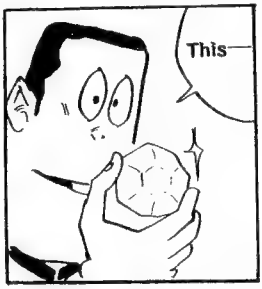
Hurry up and let me out!



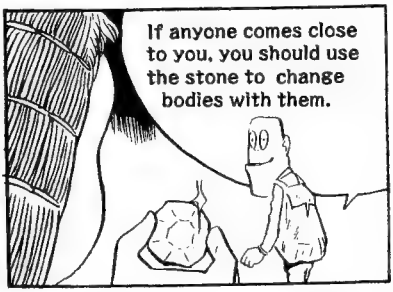

Deep Breath
Uuups!!

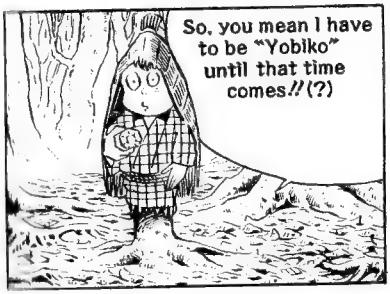
I've been waiting for someone to come around for 40 years. since 1926.

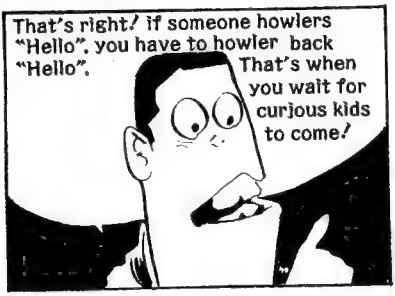
Oh, I forgot to tell you···

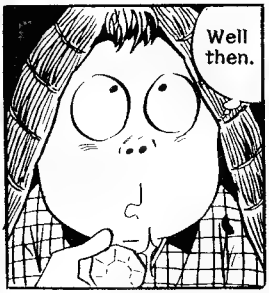

This—

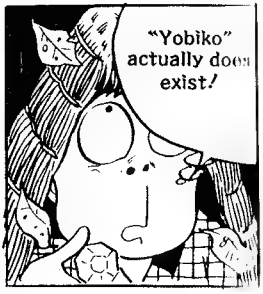
It's called "Kaihō-Seki" (Free admittance stone)

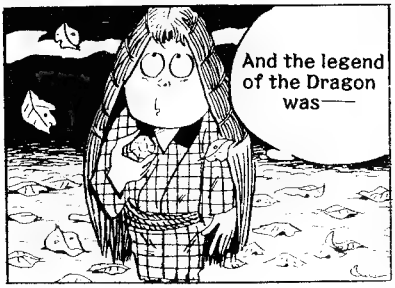

If anyone comes close to you, you should use the stone to change bodies with them.


So, you mean I have to be "Yobiko" until that time comes!! (?)

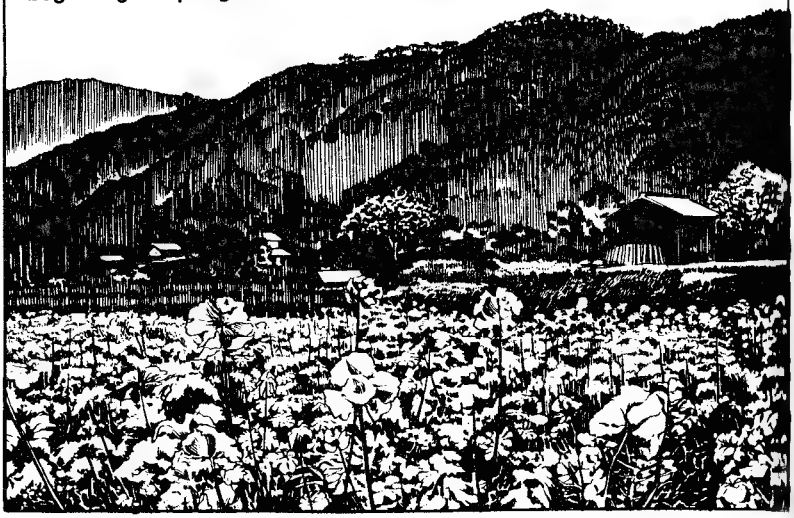

That's right! If someone howlers "Hello", you have to howler back "Hello". That's when you wait for curious kids to come!

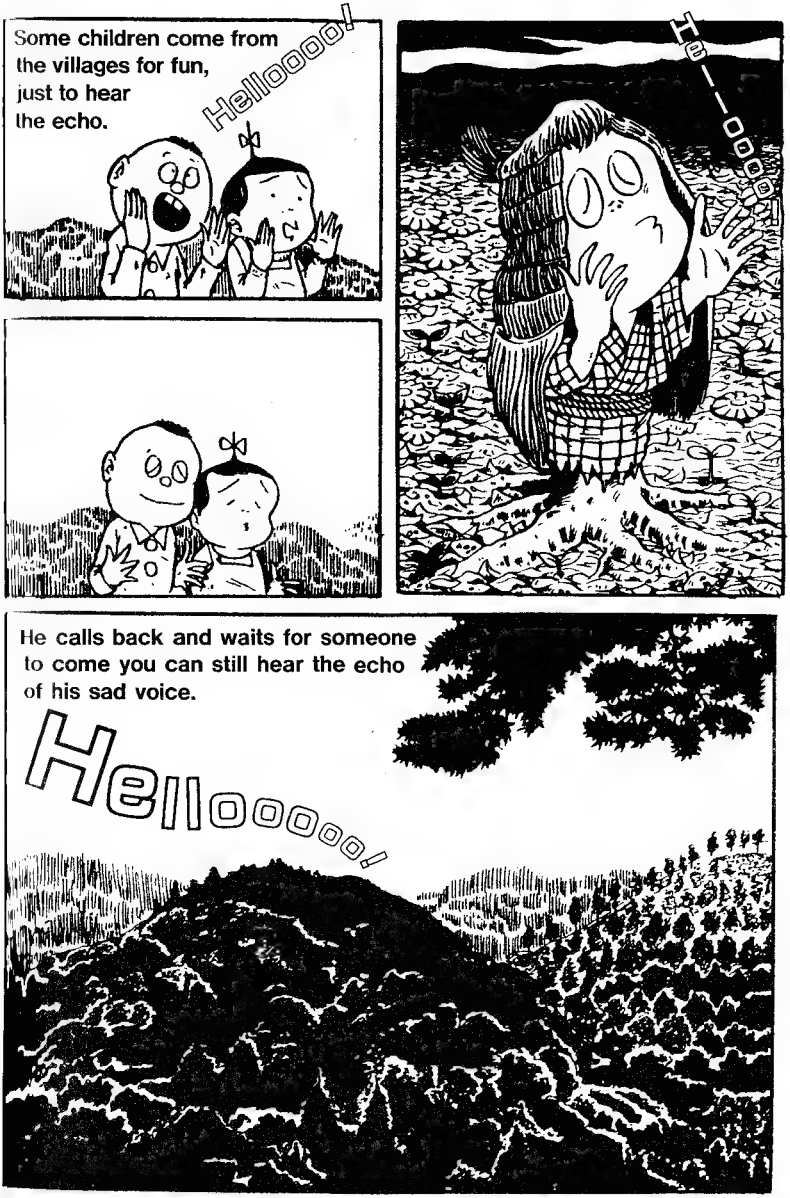


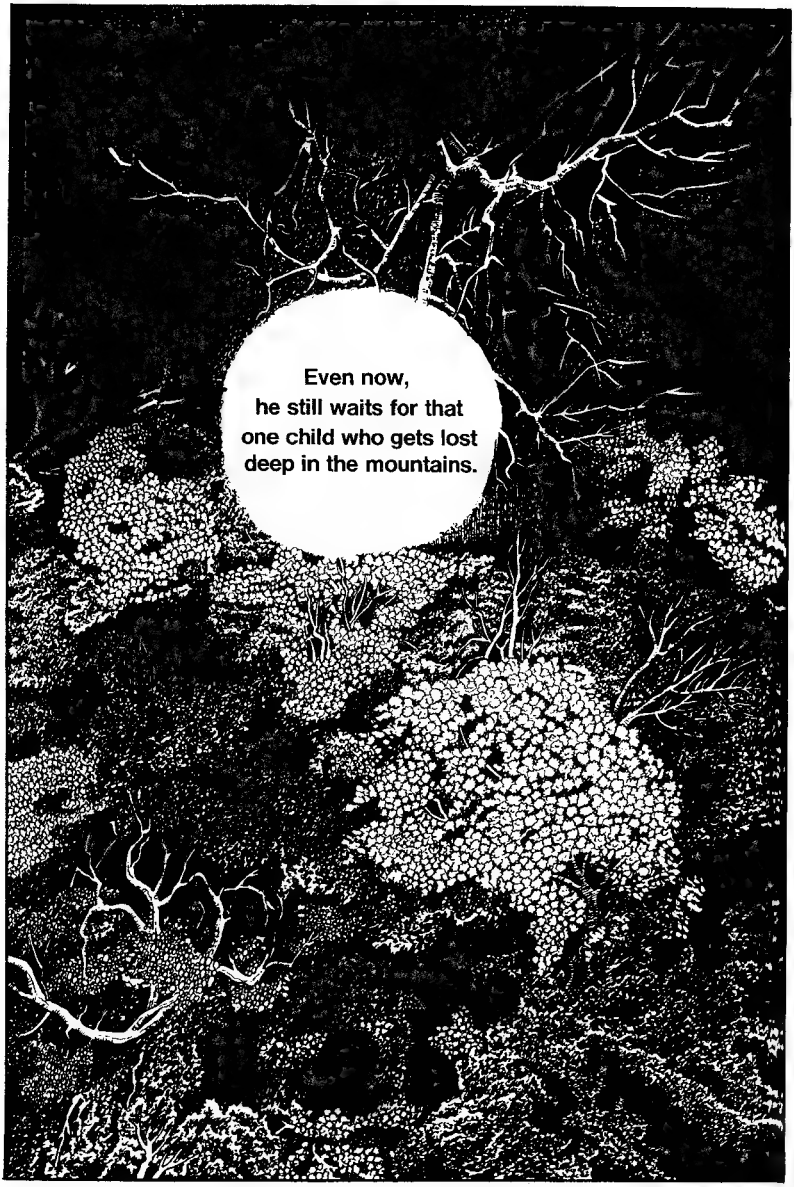


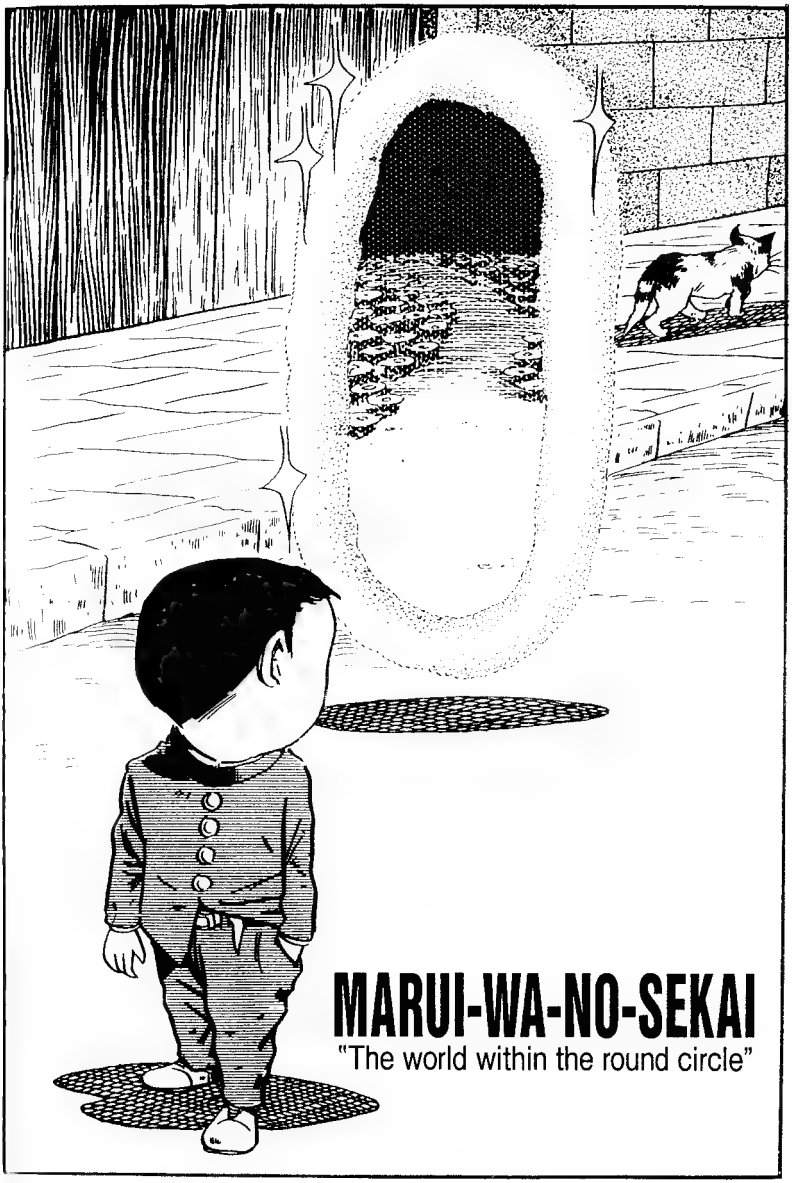


Before long, autumn went by, and with the end of winter came the beginning of spring.....




Some children come from the villages for fun, just to hear the echo.
Helloooo!
He——oooo
He calls back and waits for someone to come you can still hear the echo of his sad voice.
Helloooooo!


Even now,
he still waits for that
one child who gets lost
deep in the mountains.


MARUI-WA-NO-SEKAI
"The world within the round circle"

If I remember, it was the end of autumn—

When I was playing at the school grounds, hanging on a horizontal bar after school and that's when my mother ran-up to me, and her face was all blue.

?

Kyūta! Something sesious has happened!

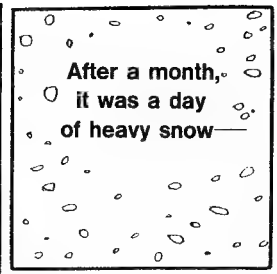
Aaa!

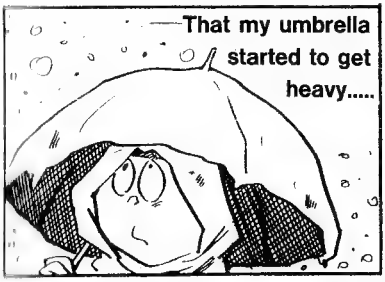
When I got home, my little sister had already died of some disease!

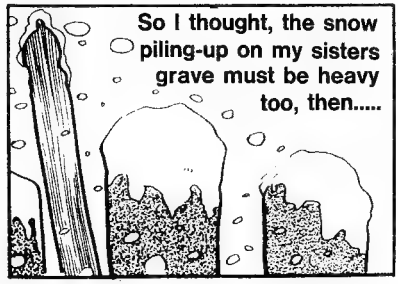
The poor-little-thing, died of pneumonia!

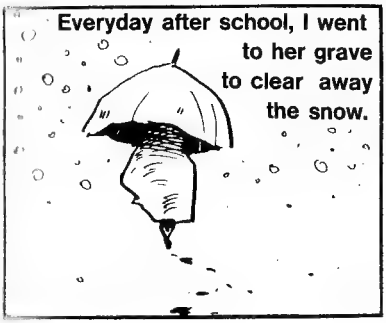
Aaaa Haaa

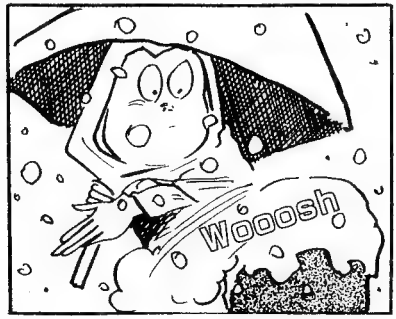
Since then,
my little sister
went to another place, somewhere!


After a month,
it was a day
of heavy snow—

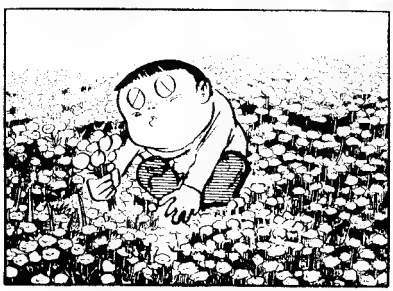

—That my umbrella
started to get
heavy.....

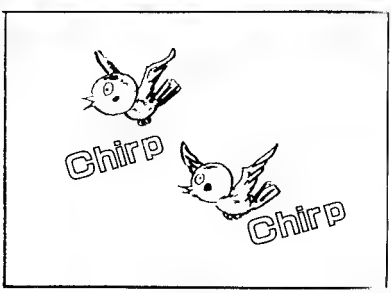

So I thought, the snow
piling-up on my sisters
grave must be heavy
too, then.....


Everyday after school, I went
to her grave
to clear away
the snow.

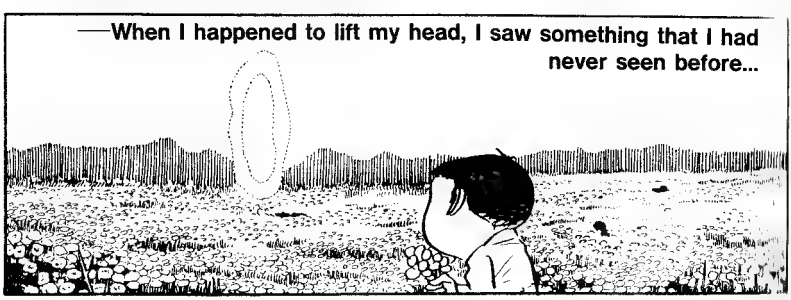

Wooosh

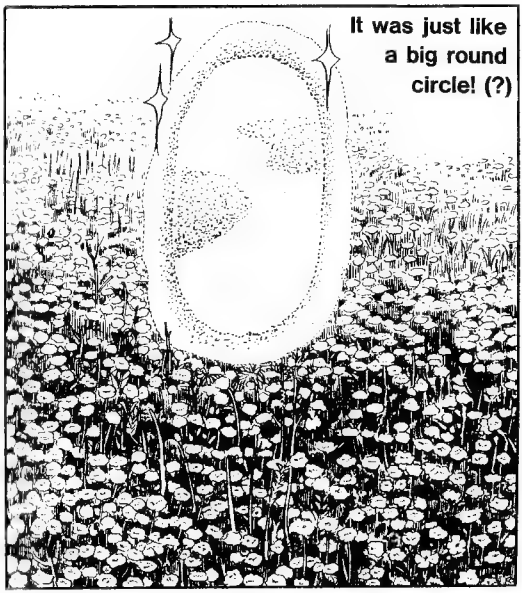
After winter, spring came around and since I was playing so much, I had forgotten about my sister's grave, then, I think I remember the day that I went to pick some lotus flowers and.....

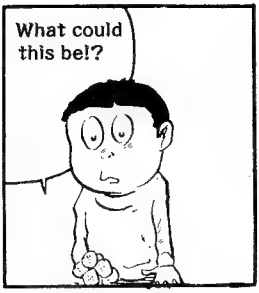




—When I happened to lift my head, I saw something that I had never seen before...

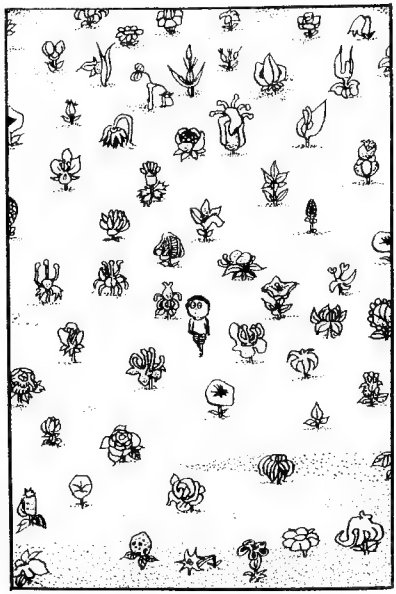



It was just like a big round circle! (?)


What could this be!?

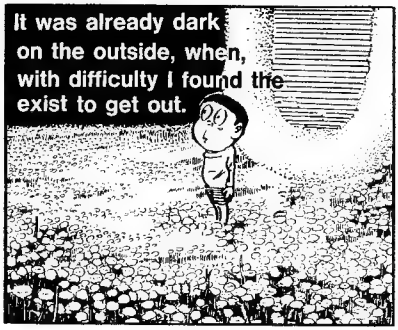
I'll try to get inside!

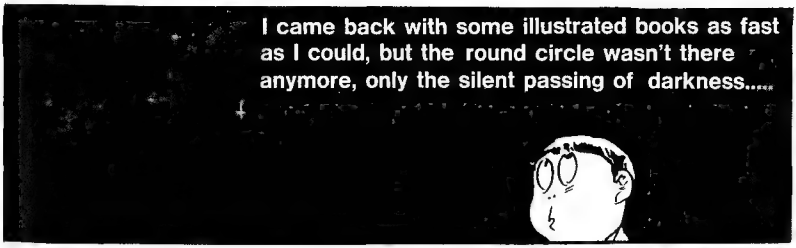
There are so many huge flowers blooming inside this circle!!

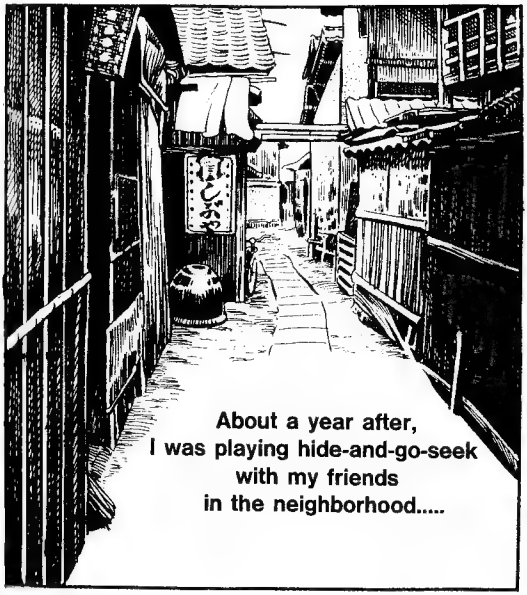


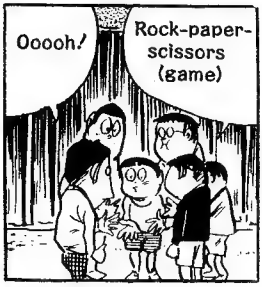
What!?
Oh, big brother!
You!—You've been in a place like this!?
Let's leave! Let's get out of here, then!
It's sad in here!
?
I can't, I can't go out!
There's no toys in here!
This is the world of the dead, or a ghost world, isn't it! (?)
There's not even illustrated books in here!
Toys?

I sure will!
Please bring some next time!

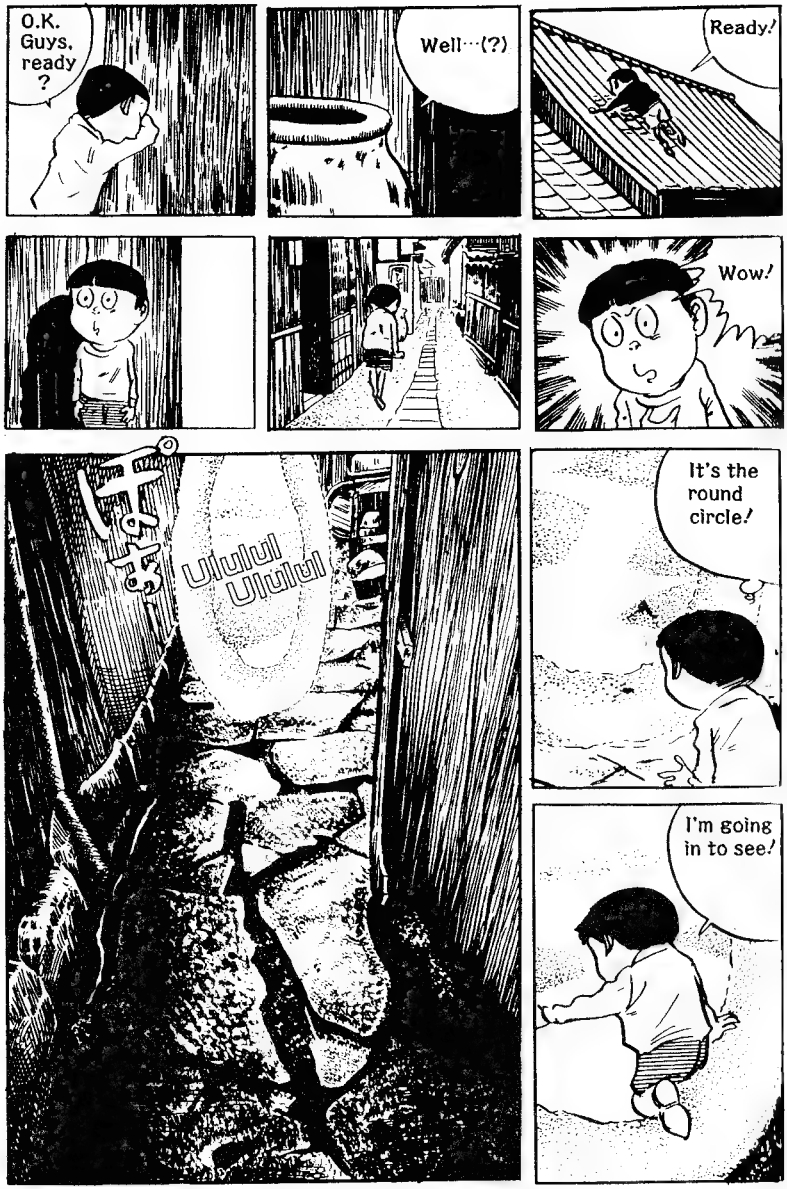

It was already dark on the outside, when, with difficulty I found the exist to get out.


I came back with some illustrated books as fast as I could, but the round circle wasn't there anymore, only the silent passing of darkness.....

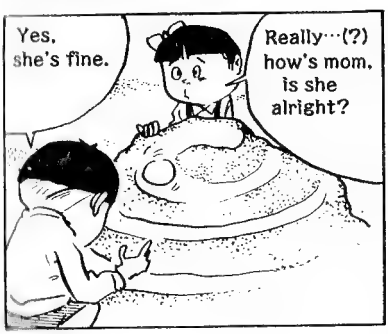

About a year after, I was playing hide-and-go-seek with my friends in the neighborhood.....

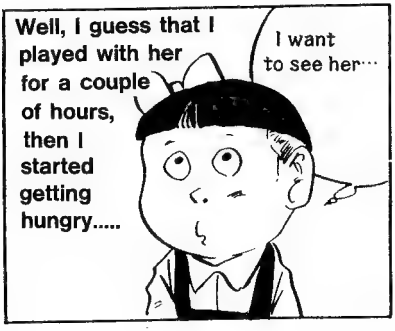

Ooooh!
Rock-paper-scissors (game)

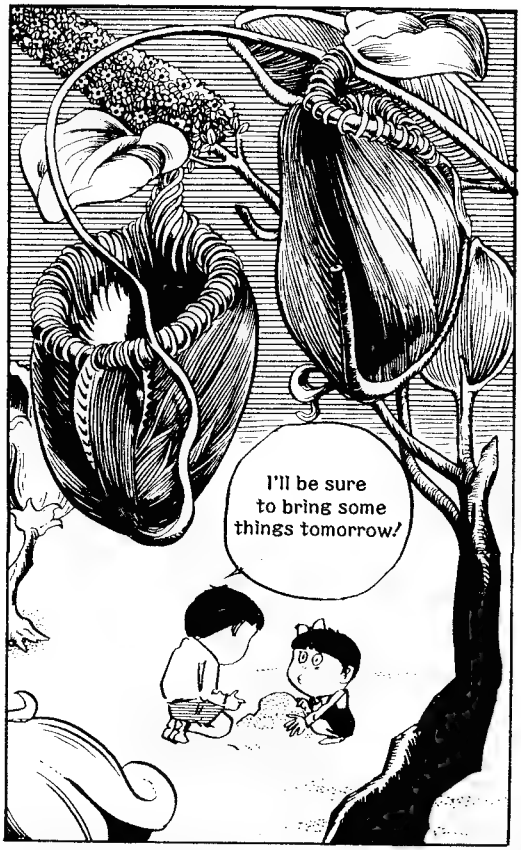
Kyūta, you're it!


O.K. Guys, ready ?
Well…(?)
Ready!
Wow!
It's the round circle!
I'm going in to see!

On the inside,
it was the same as before.
It was very peaceful and
the flowers
were blooming.....






I'll be sure to bring some things tomorrow!

No!
It's time for me to get back!

Don't say "No", because I can't stay here for good!

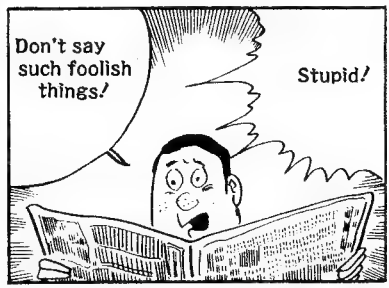
Are you sure!?
I promise that I'll bring some toys and illustrated books for you, tomorrow.

Yes, I'm sure!

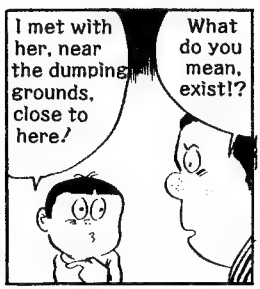
Kyūta, what are you doing?

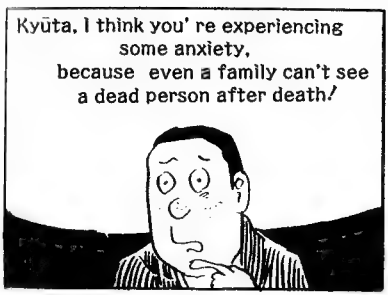
For Hanako?
I'm preparing some toys to take to Hanako!

I know! But, I know where she is!
Hanako is already dead!

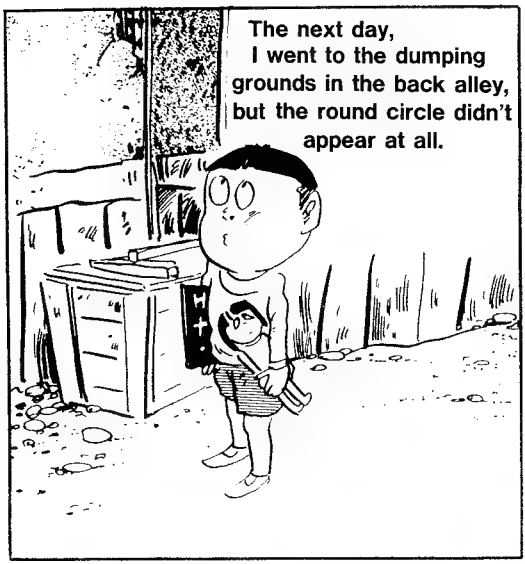

Don't say such foolish things!
Stupid!

But, she exist!
Because everyone is trying to forget about poor liffle Hanako's death!


I met with her, near the dumping grounds, close to here!
What do you mean, exist!?


Kyūta, I think you' re experiencing some anxiety, because even a family can't see a dead person after death!

But, I'm positive of her existence!
I know that!


The next day, I went to the dumping grounds in the back alley, but the round circle didn't appear at all.

What happened to you yesterday?
Hey Kyūta!

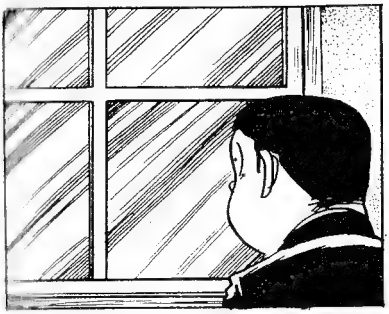
Oh, you guys are talking about hide-and-go-seek...

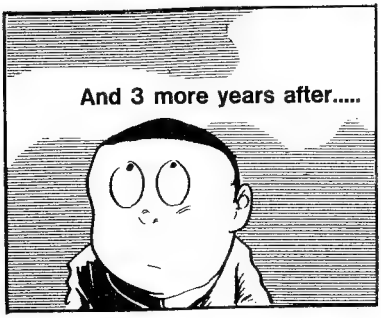
I'm sorry but, I suddenly found my younger sister in a round circle, and so I talked with her a little.

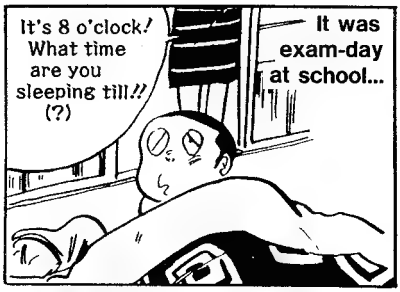
As you can see, I'm just getting ready to take an illustrated book and doll to her.

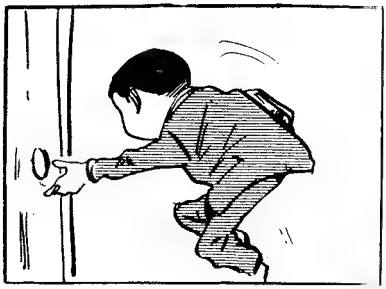
Don't give me that! Just because you screw-up playing a game right!
Hey! you've got to be kidding!
Pow!

3 years after that time, I often looked around for the circle, but I couldn't find it.....





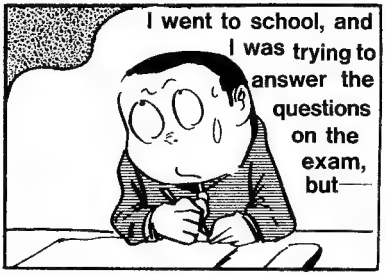




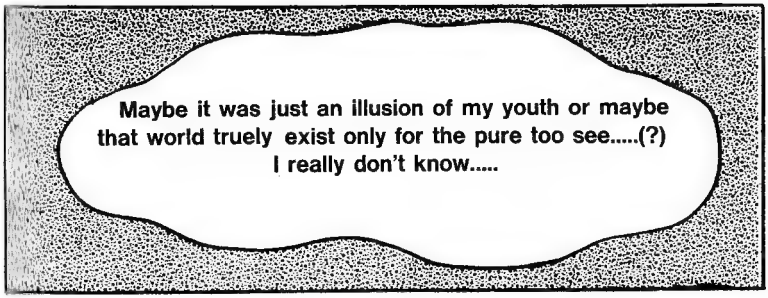
Where I came upon, the round circle that was just softy floating.

I thought.....

I better go and take my exam instead, so I don't fail high-school!


I went to school, and I was trying to answer the questions on the exam, but—

And after the exam, I went to the place where I seen the round circle earlier, but it was gone!
I was too anxious about the round circle, instead of trying to concentrate.


Maybe it was just an illusion of my youth or maybe that world truely exist only for the pure too see.....(?)
I really don't know.....

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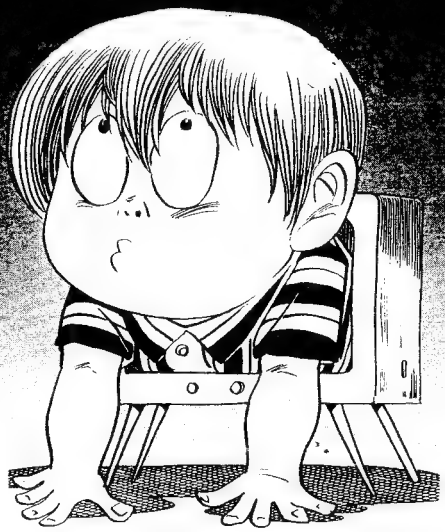
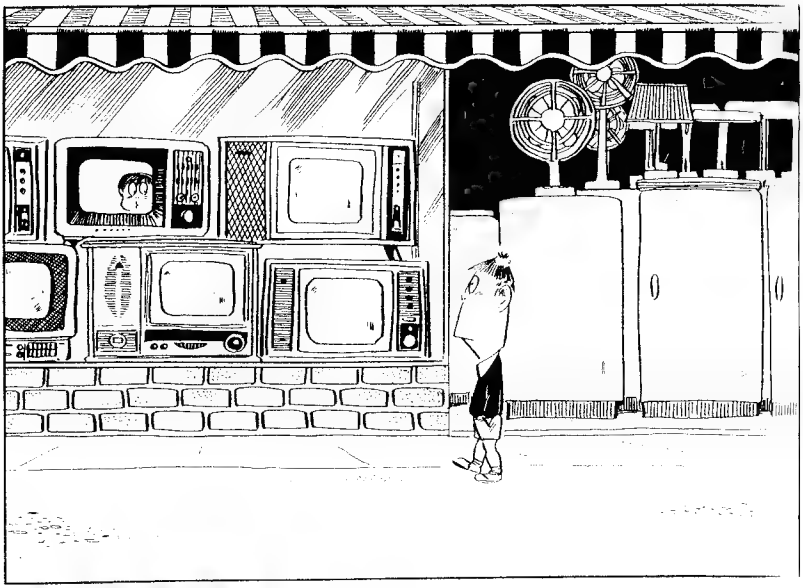
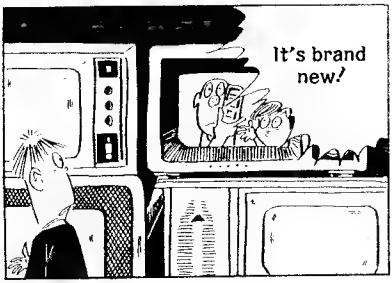
"T.V.-Boy"



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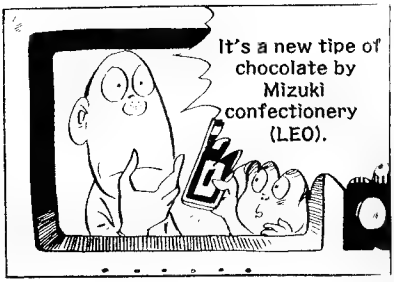
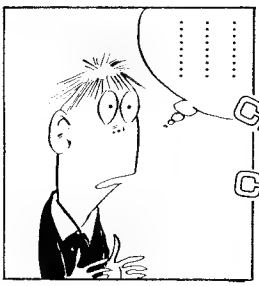

It's a new tipe of chocolate by Mizuki confectionery (LEO).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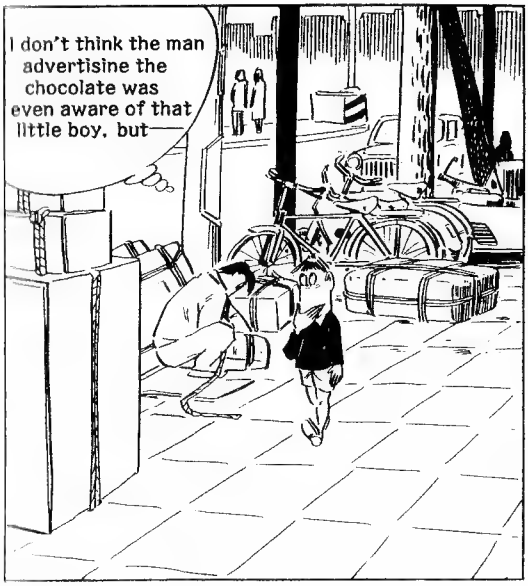
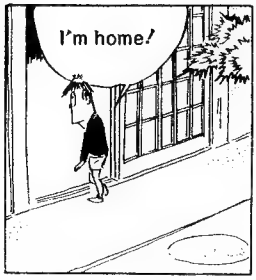
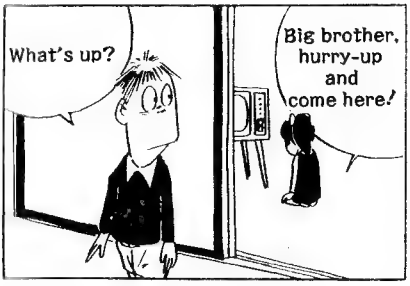
Chomp
Chomp

Romp
Romp
Romp


I don't think the man advertisine the chocolate was even aware of that little boy, but——

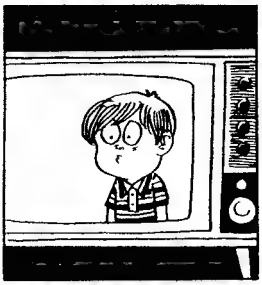
Something was really strange about that commercial.


I'm home!


What's up?
Big brother, hurry-up and come here!

A strange little boy often appears on T.V., time to time!

Oh! He's the little boy, that I saw at the electronics shop!
And he eats all of the sweets in the candy commercial!



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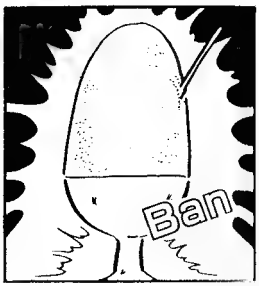
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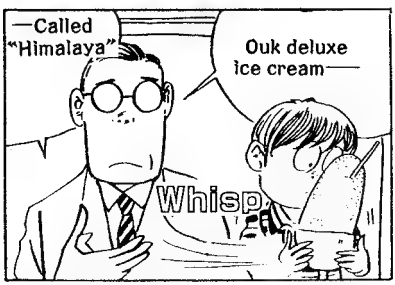
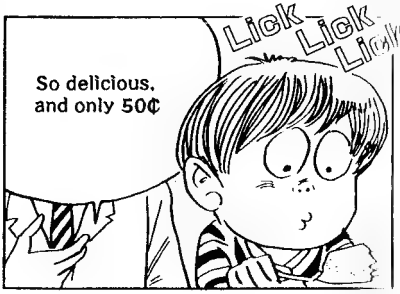
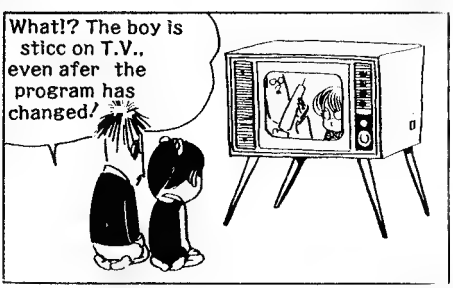
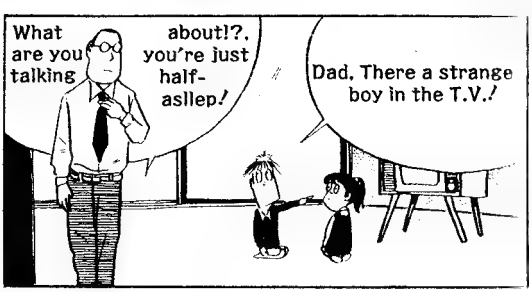

—Called "Himalaya"
Ouk deluxe ice cream—
Whisp


So delicious, and only 50¢
Lick Lick

Sigh

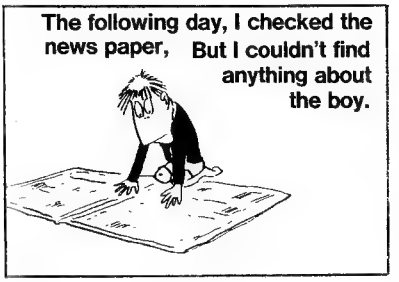

What!? The boy is sticc on T.V., even afer the program has changed!

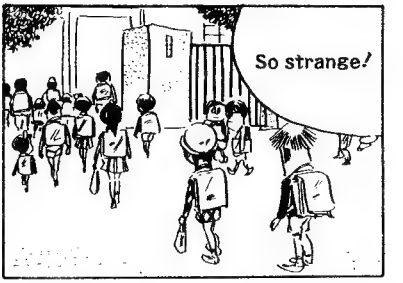
What's going on?

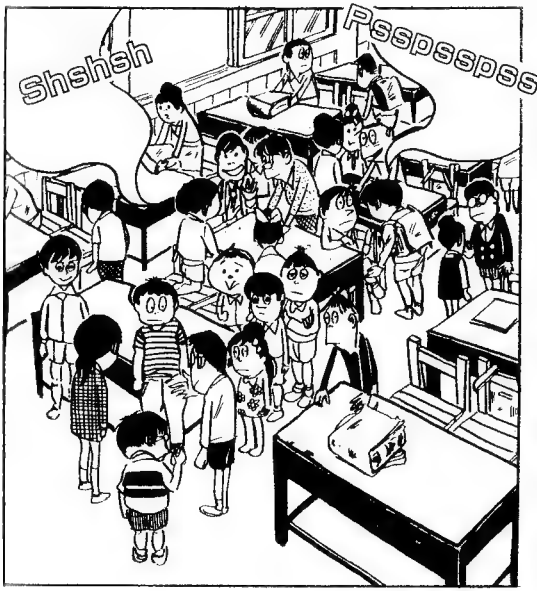

What are you talking about!?, you're just half-asllep!
Dad, There a strange boy in the T.V.!

You're still watching T.V.? What about home work?

We were just getting ready to do it!

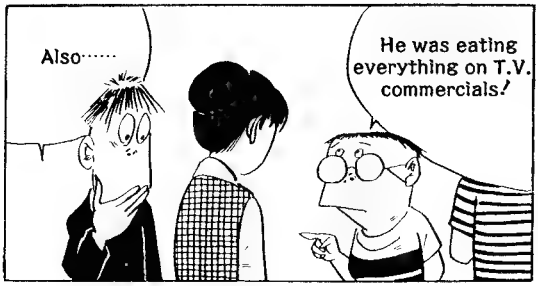

The following day, I checked the news paper,
But I couldn't find anything about the boy.


So strange!

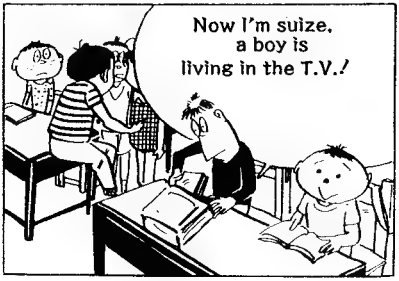

Shshsh
Psspsspss

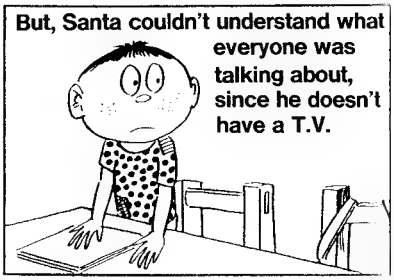
I saw him!
Did you see the strange boy on T.V.?

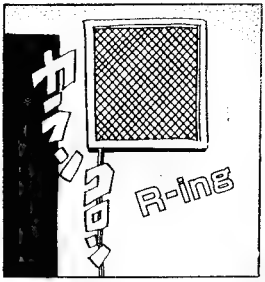
I did too!
Me too!


Also……
He was eating everything on T.V. commercials!

Everyone else seen him besides me.


Now I'm suize, a boy is living in the T.V.!


But, Santa couldn't understand what everyone was talking about, since he doesn't have a T.V.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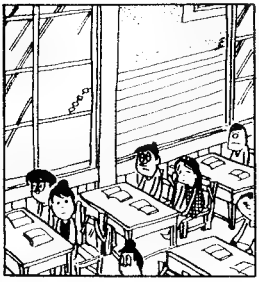
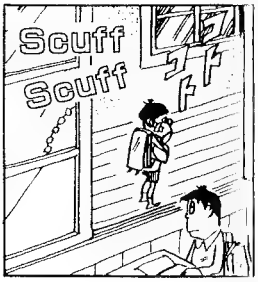
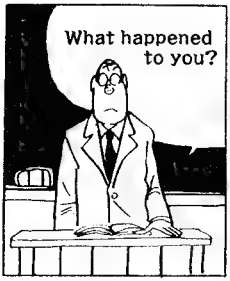
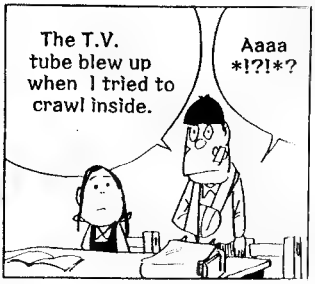
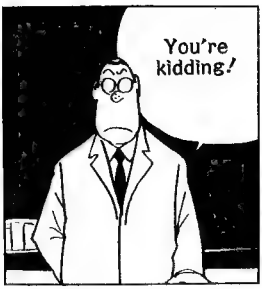


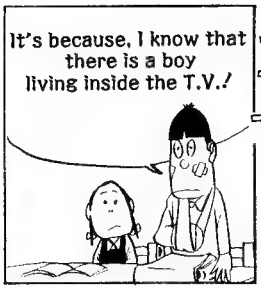

Scuff
Scuff

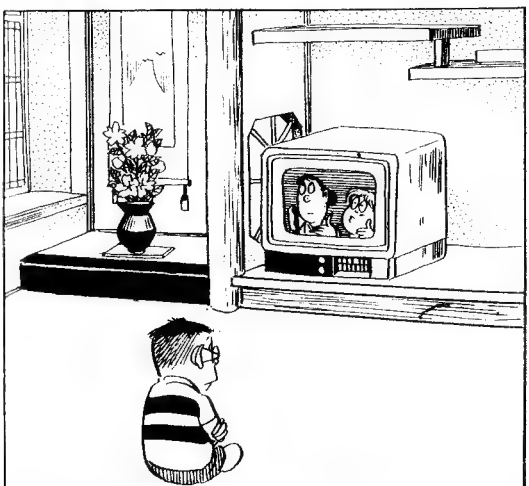
Gara
Gara


What happened to you?

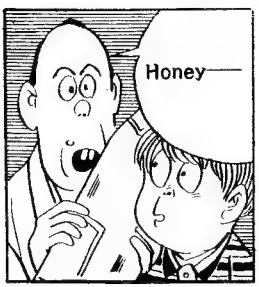

The T.V. tube blew up when I tried to crawl inside.
Aaaa *!?!*?

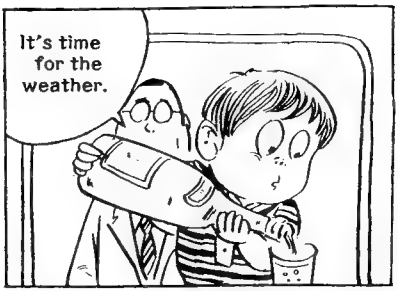


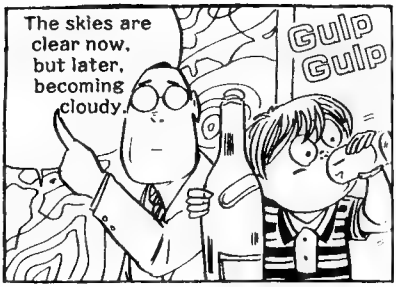


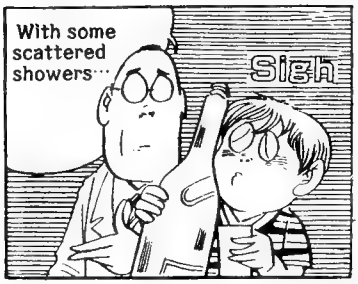


The teacher says it's impossible, but... I sticc continve seeing the boy on T.V., everyday and...



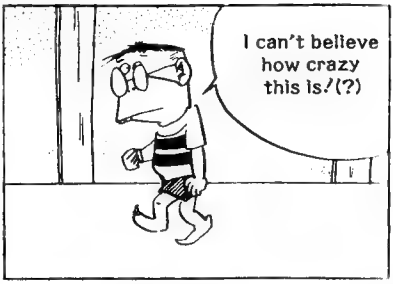

It's time for the weather.


The skies are clear now, but later, becoming cloudy.
Gulp Gulp


With some scattered showers···
Sigh

And well be back, with more news.
Aaaw

He's drank!
ZZZZZZZ


I can't believe how crazy this is!(?)

Talk Talk Talk
How?

We're all going to the T.V. station!
Where you guys going to?

What?!

Hey Santa!

Well, let's go together.

I was just wondering about the something too!

Want to come with us?

Since Santa just finished his paper-roat, he went along.

What funny kids!

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O.K. I'll explain!

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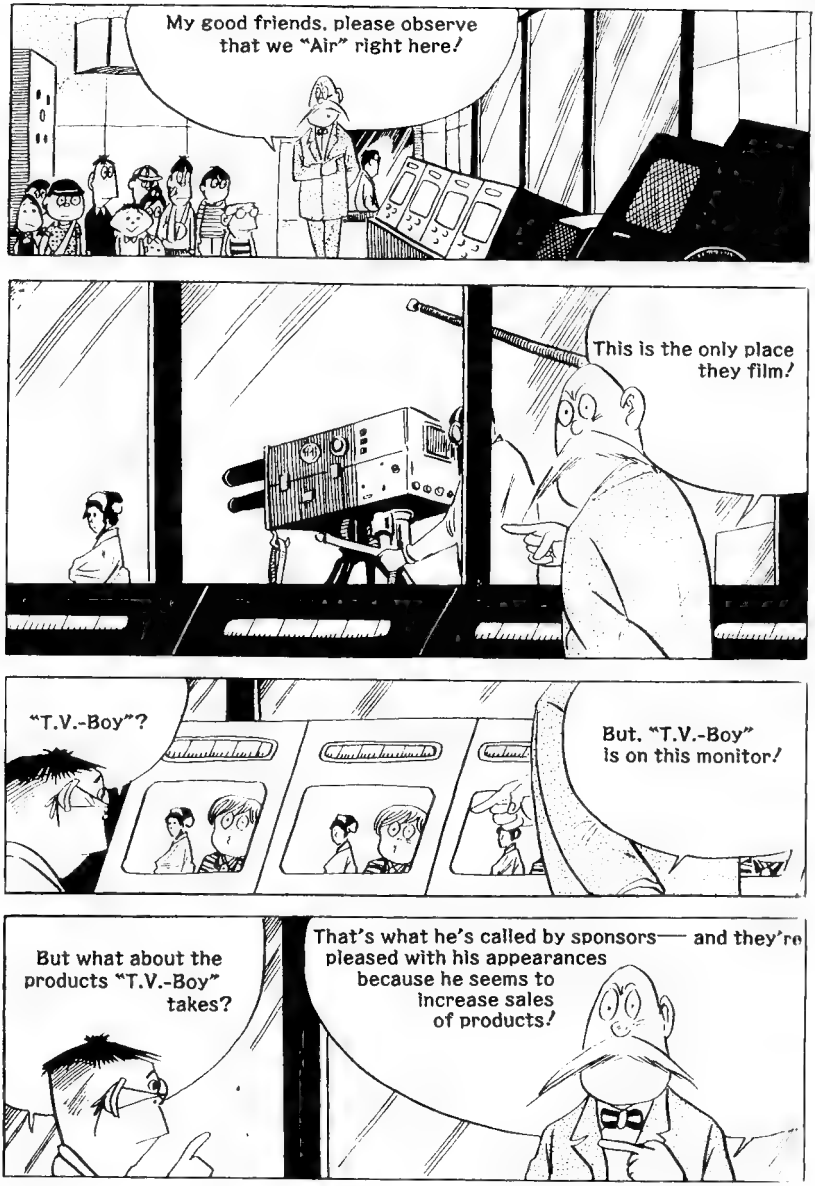
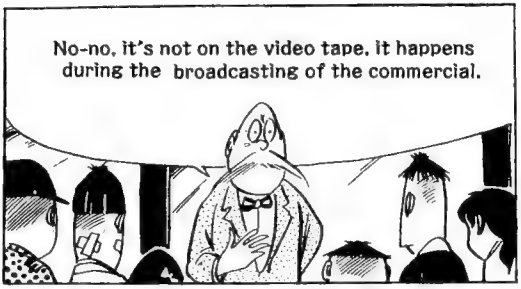
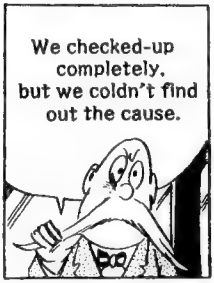
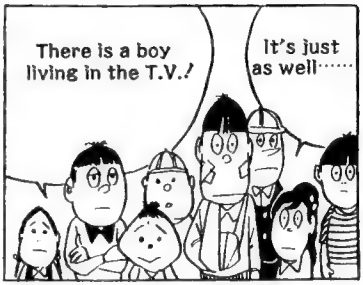
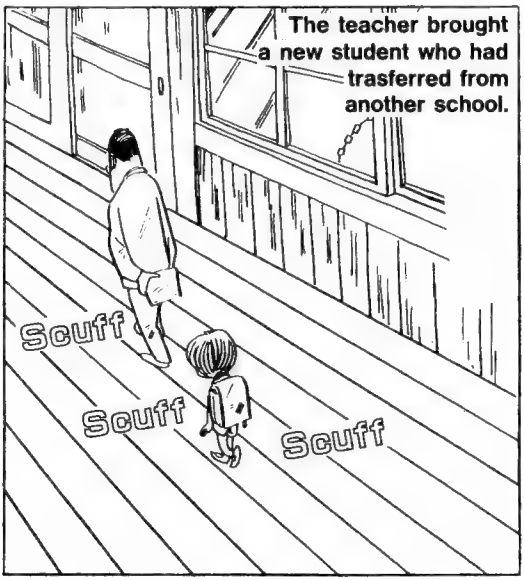

My good friends, please observe that we "Air" right here!
This is the only place they film!
"T.V.-Boy"?
But, "T.V.-Boy" is on this monitor!
But what about the products "T.V.-Boy" takes?
That's what he's called by sponsors— and they're pleased with his appearances because he seems to increase sales of products!

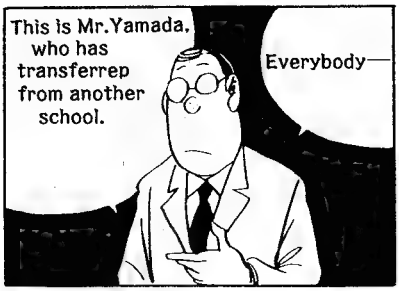


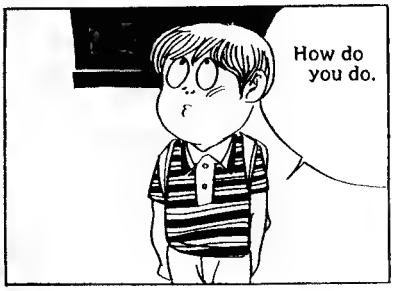




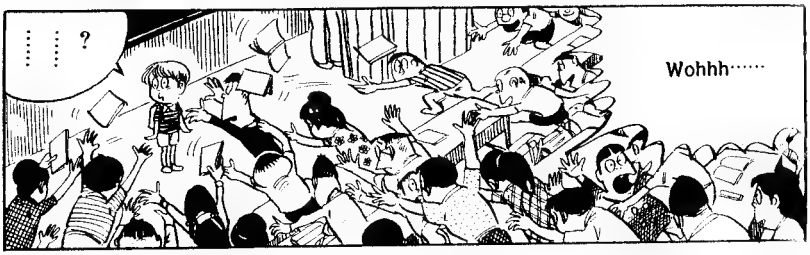
So, immediately, "T.V.-Boy" became extremely popular with all boys and "T.V.-Boys" origin remained unknown, but then, there was that refreshing summer day, when...




This is Mr.Yamada, who has transferrep from another school.
Everybody—


How do you do.

He's "T.V.-Boy"!
Wow!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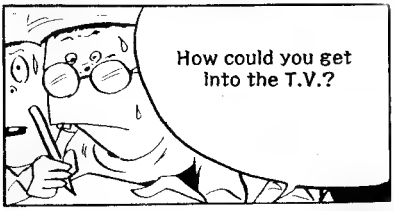
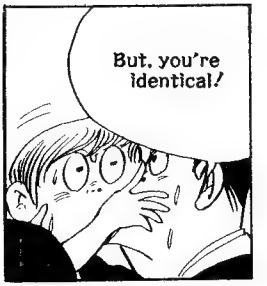
Wohhh……

Let me touch!
Give me your autograph!

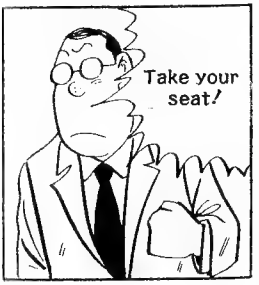

How could you get into the T.V.?

What are you talking about?

Of course not! I'm just ordinary boy!
Don't keep it a secret!
I know you're "T.V.-Boy"!

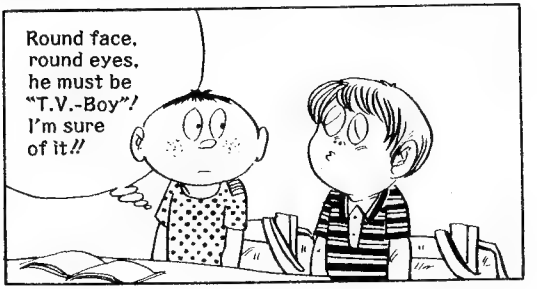

But, you're identical!

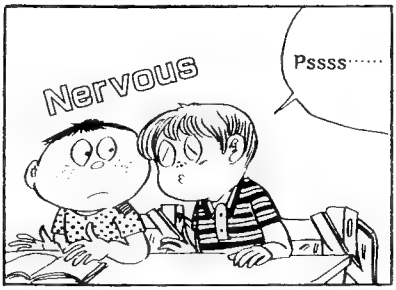
It's just coincidental!

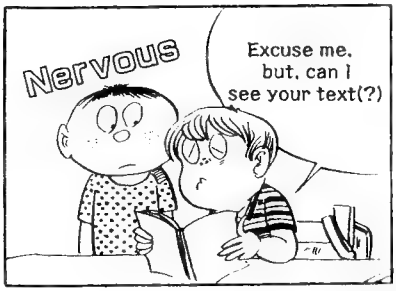

Take your seat!

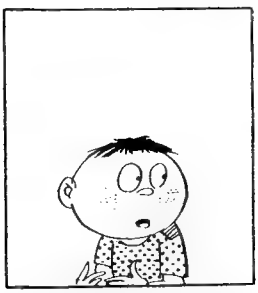
Mr. Yamada, sit in the empty seat next to Santa.

O.K.


Round face, round eyes, he must be "T.V.-Boy"! I'm sure of it!!

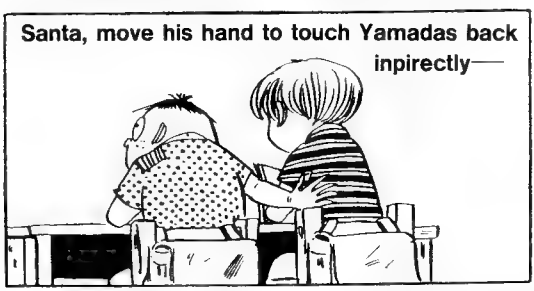

Nervous
Pssss·····


Nervous
Excuse me, but, can I see your text(?)

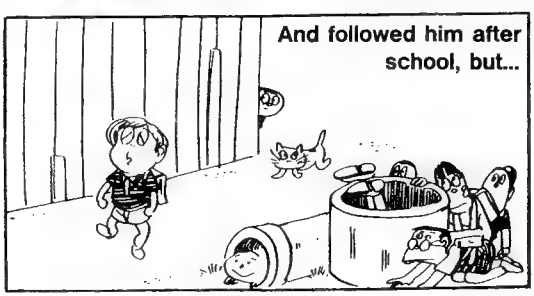


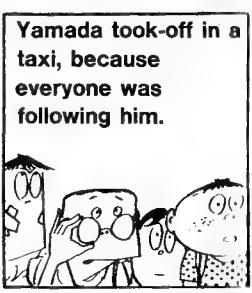
Since I'm always changing schools, I usually end-up sharing texts with someone!

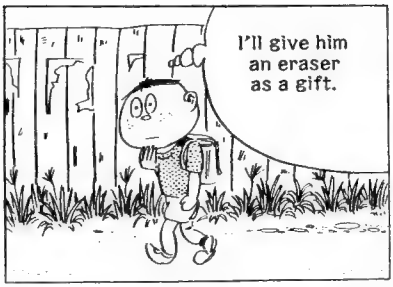
Ho
Ho
Ha


Santa, move his hand to touch Yamadas back inpirectly—

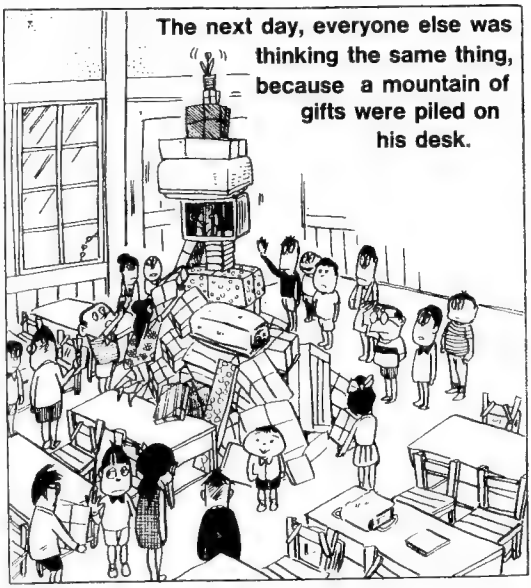
But, noticed nothing different.


And followed him after school, but...

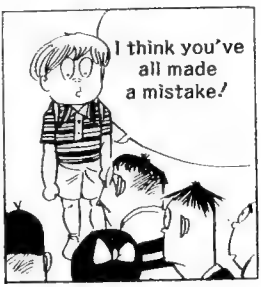

Yamada took-off in a taxi, because everyone was following him.

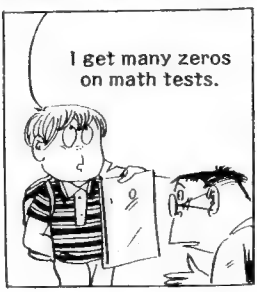

I'll give him an eraser as a gift.

Then, I'll ask him, how I can get into the T.V.(?)


The next day, everyone else was thinking the same thing, because a mountain of gifts were piled on his desk.

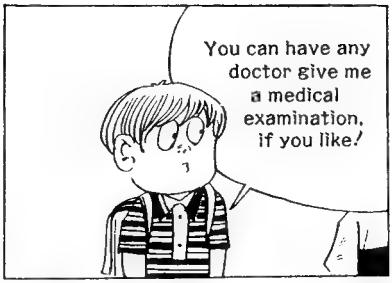
I don't know what to do with all of this!

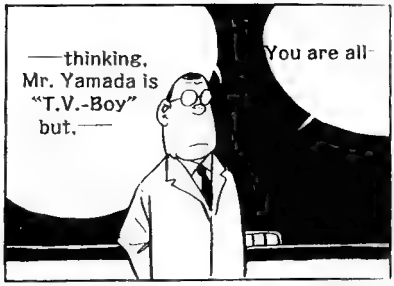

I think you've all made a mistake!

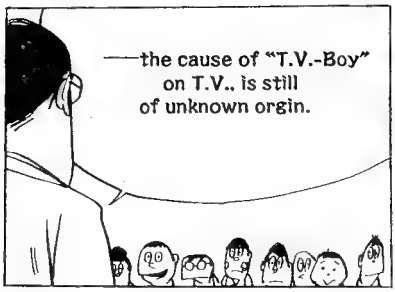

I get many zeros on math tests.

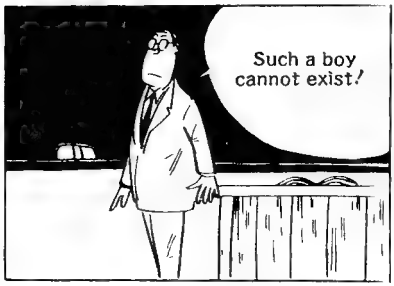
It's true!

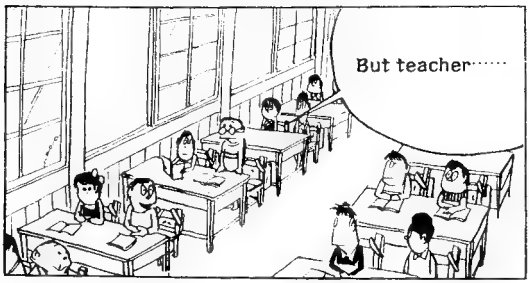
You also say that my body is especially different, right?

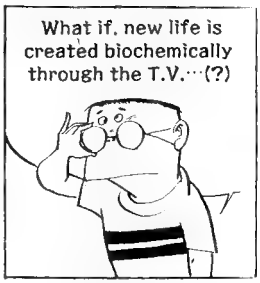

You can have any doctor give me a medical examination, if you like!

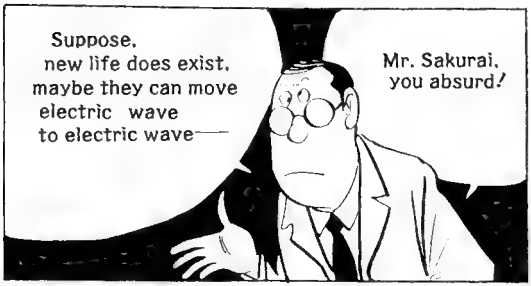

You are all
——thinking, Mr. Yamada is "T.V.-Boy" but,——

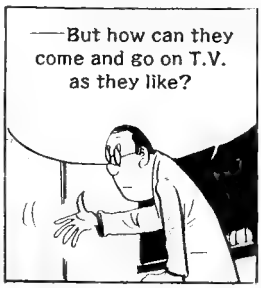

——the cause of "T.V.-Boy" on T.V., is still of unknown orgin.

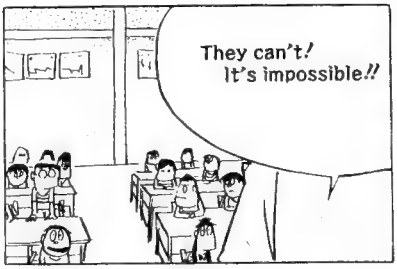

Such a boy cannot exist!

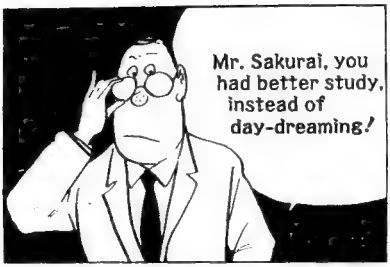

But teacher……

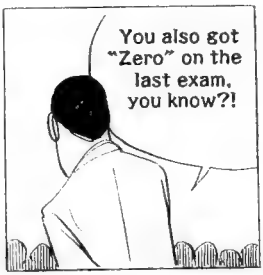

What if, new life is created biochemically through the T.V.…(?)

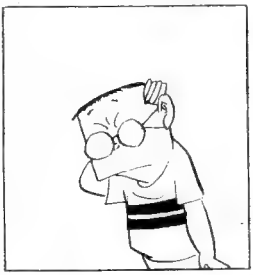

Suppose, new life does exist, maybe they can move electric wave to electric wave——
Mr. Sakurai, you absurd!

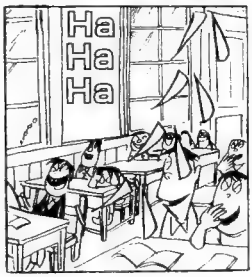

——But how can they come and go on T.V. as they like?


They can't! It's impossible!!


Mr. Sakurai, you had better study, instead of day-dreaming!


You also got "Zero" on the last exam, you know?!

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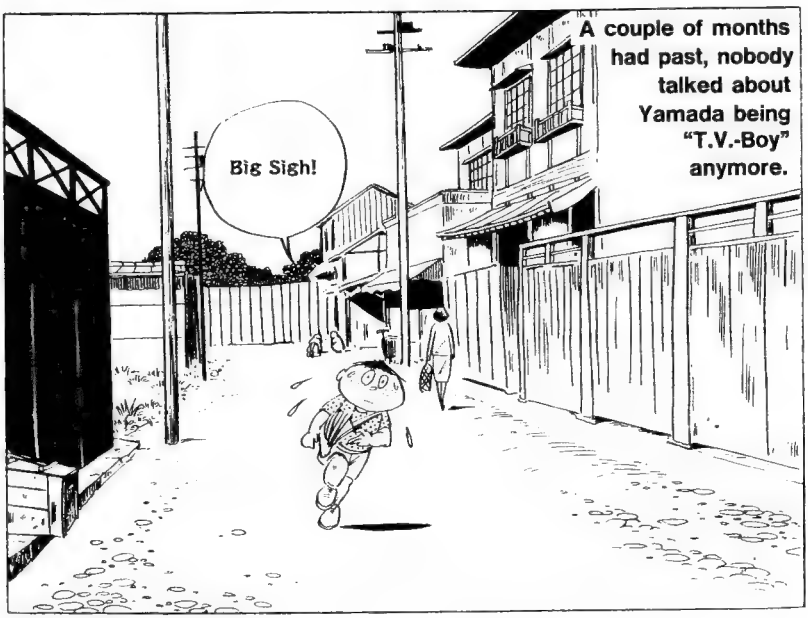
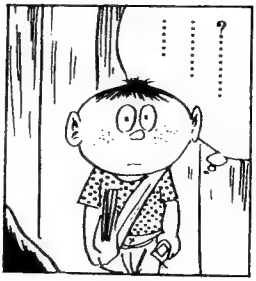
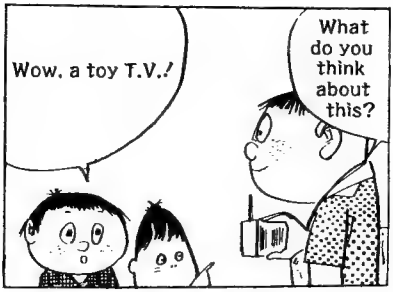
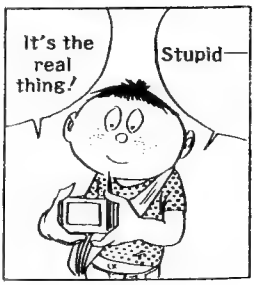
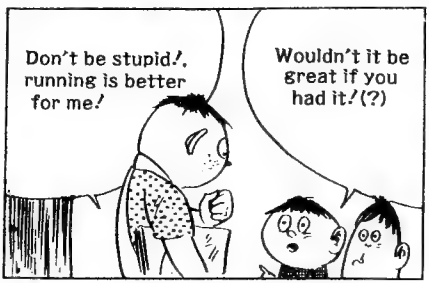

A couple of months had past, nobody talked about Yamada being "T.V.-Boy" anymore.
Big Sigh!

You're Santa, aren't you?
Hey!
Year, because my father died and my mother has been sick.
I didn't know that you deliver news papers……
Well… here…
It's a medicine that cures all, now on sale, it's your's!
What is this?
Of course…… Do you have a T.V. at home?
I can have it(?)
Alright, I'll give you one.
No, I don't.
It's new, made by the Naisho electric company, called the "Neo-transistor T.V."
It's a really small T.V. huh(?)!
Is it O.K., that you give me all of these things?









The following day...

This new bike was just announced on T.V. last night, it's for you……

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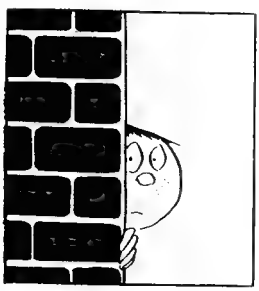
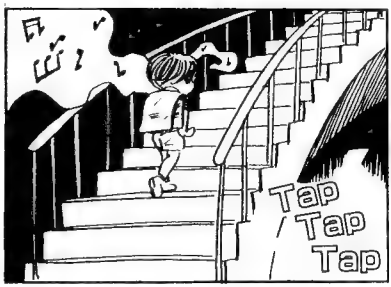
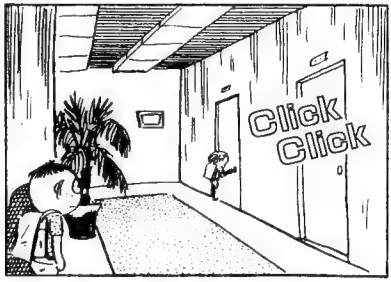
I think it's not on sale yet, so that means Yamada is….

——Probably "T.V.-Boy"!

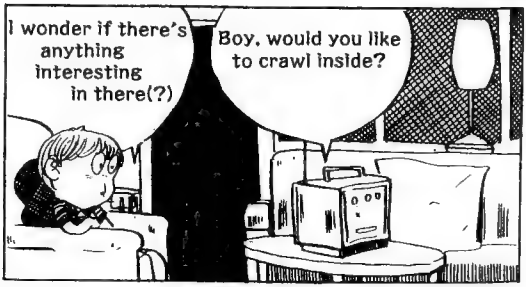
One day after school Santa followed him.

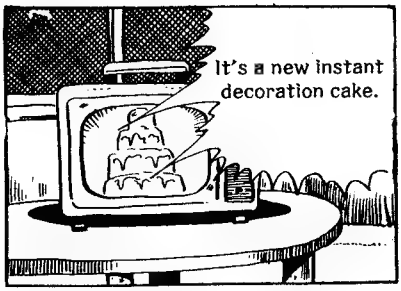






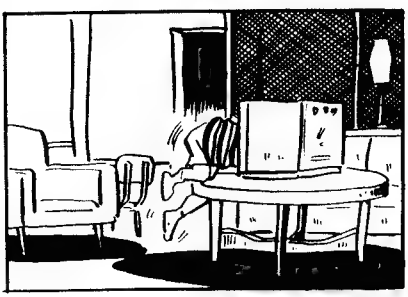
Santa, crept-up to the door and peeped through the key-hole.

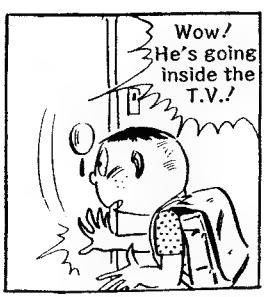


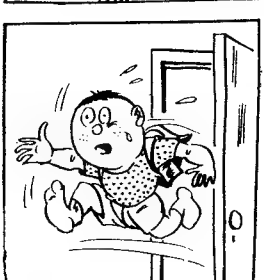

It's a new instant decoration cake.

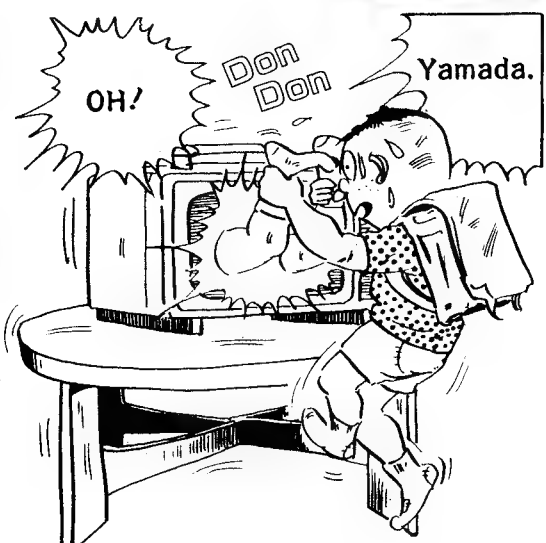
I think that it would be good with afternoon-tea, today.

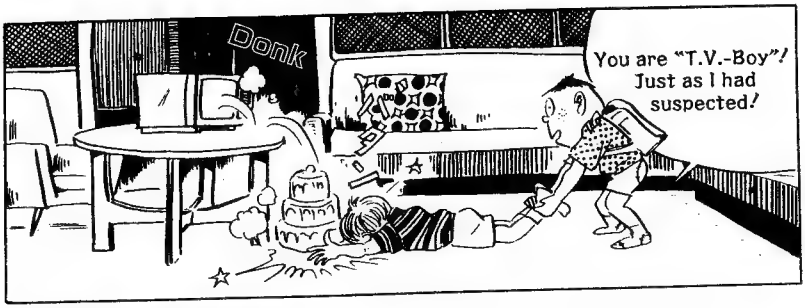
Whoooot

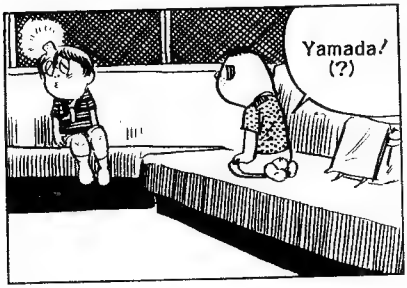


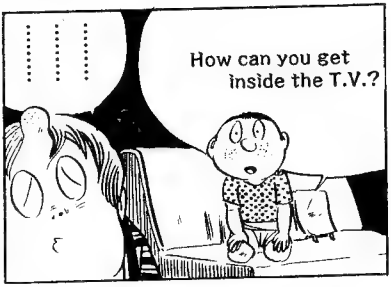

Wow! He's going inside the T.V.!

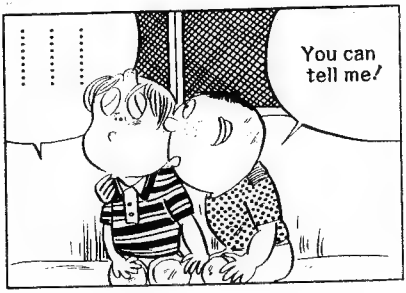


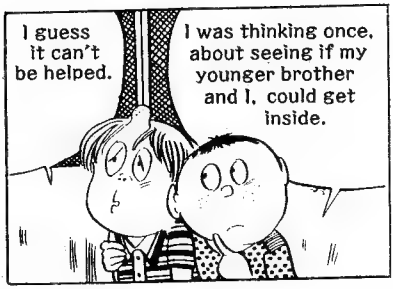

OH!
Don Don
Yamada.

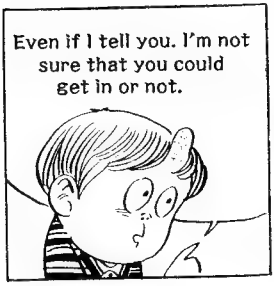

Donk
You are "T.V.-Boy"! Just as I had suspected!


Yamada! (?)


How can you get inside the T.V.?

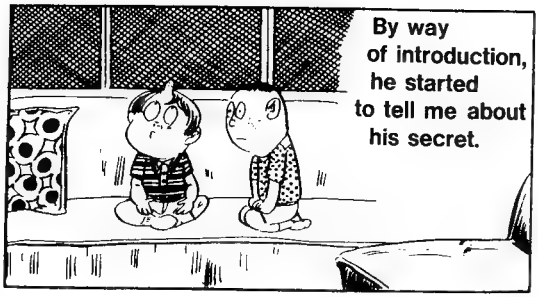

You can tell me!

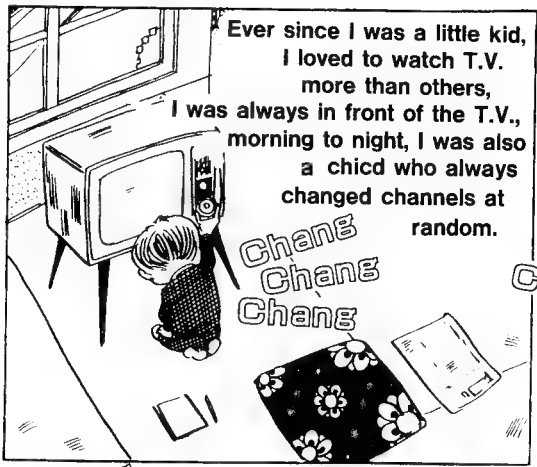

I guess it can't be helped.
I was thinking once, about seeing if my younger brother and I, could get inside.

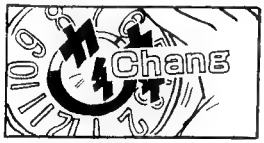

Even if I tell you. I'm not sure that you could get in or not.

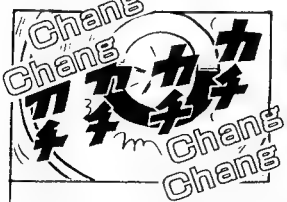
Alright!
I don't mind.

But, you have to promise that you'll never talk to anyone else about it!

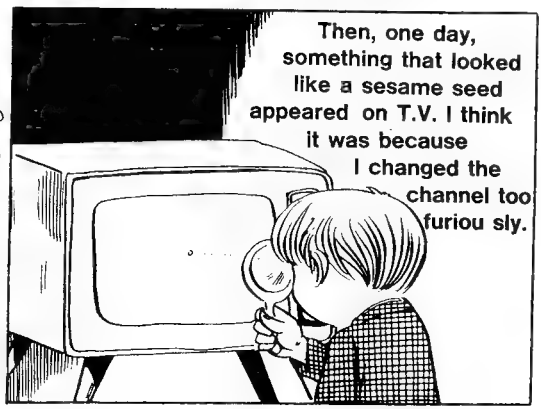


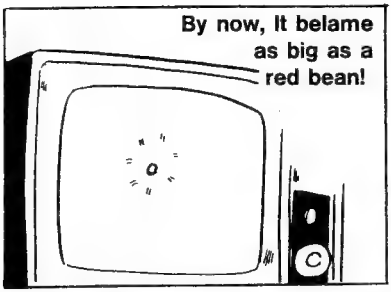






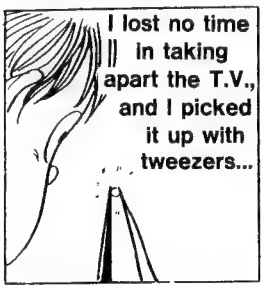
The random changing of channels caused it to heat up by friction.



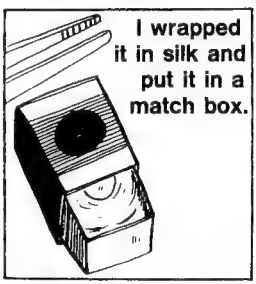

By now, It belame as big as a red bean!

I went to a T.V. repair shop, and I asked "Is it a cancer of the T.V.?" but, we didn't take me serious!

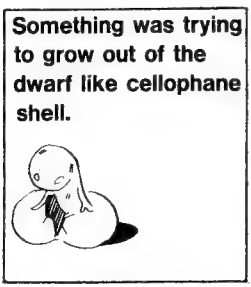
I was excited!

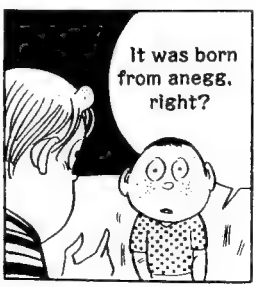

I lost no time in taking apart the T.V., and I picked it up with tweezers...

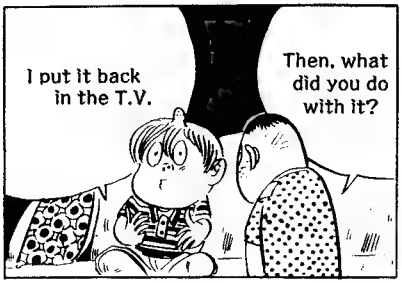
I was a certain type of egg that I had never seen before! (?)

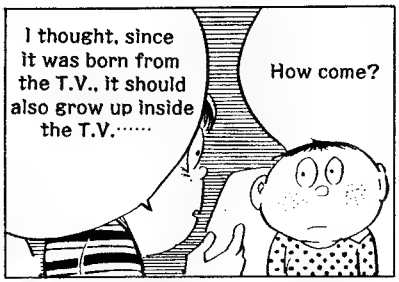

I wrapped it in silk and put it in a match box.

When I opened the match box after a few days–

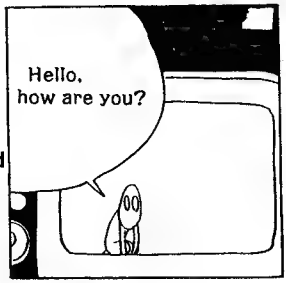

Something was trying to grow out of the dwarf like cellophane shell.

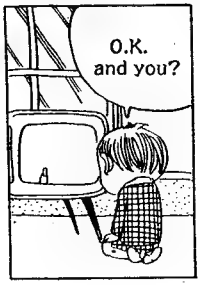

It was born from anegg, right?



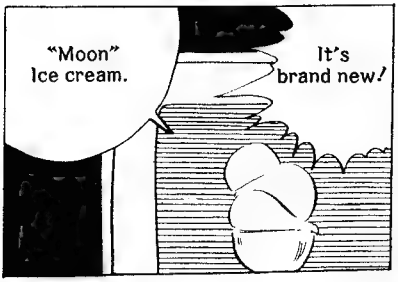


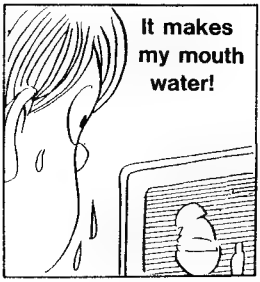
After I put it back inside the T.V., it started getting energy, "like a fish to water."! Then when I looked at the T.V.....

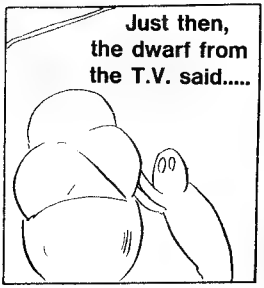


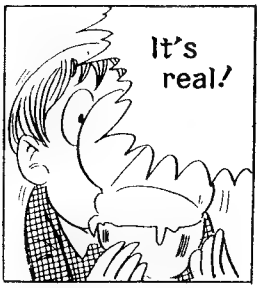


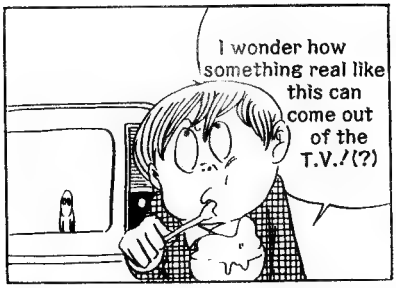
Then, one day, it happend!



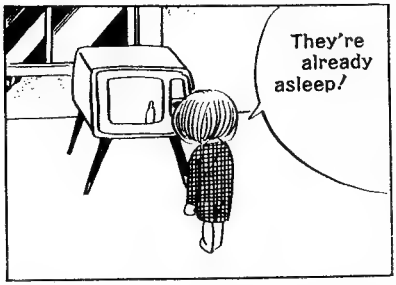







I wonder how something real like this can come out of the T.V.!(?)

If you want to come inside the T.V., it's better if you wait untic your family goes to sleep!


They're already asleep!

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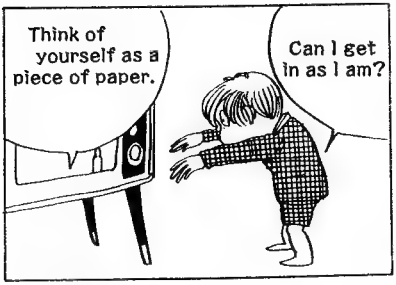
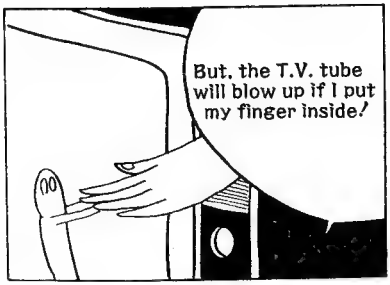
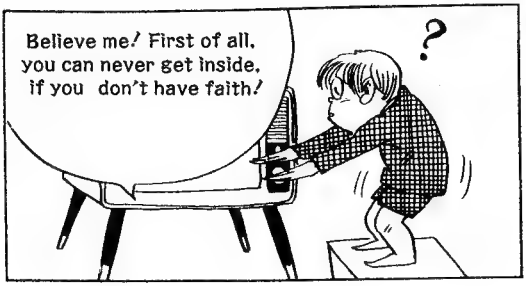
O.K., come in from this side!


Think of yourself as a piece of paper.
Can I get in as I am?


But, the T.V. tube will blow up if I put my finger inside!

Please believe me!


Believe me! First of all, you can never get inside, if you don't have faith!
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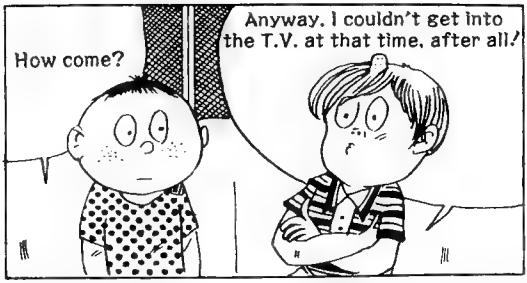
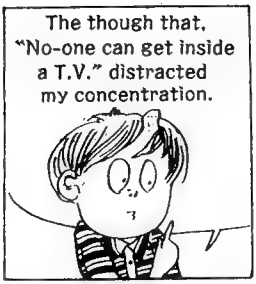
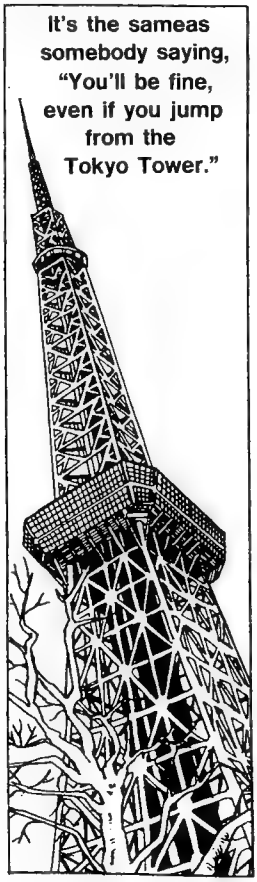
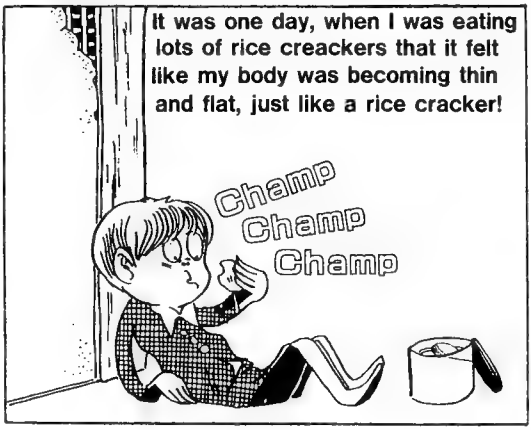
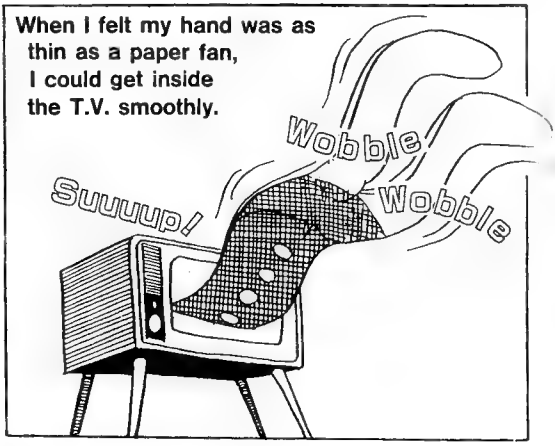
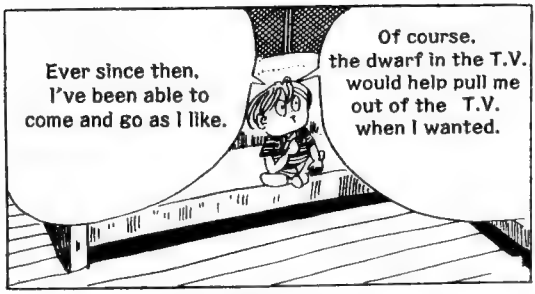

How come?
Anyway. I couldn't get into the T.V. at that time, after all!


The though that, "No-one can get inside a T.V." distracted my concentration.

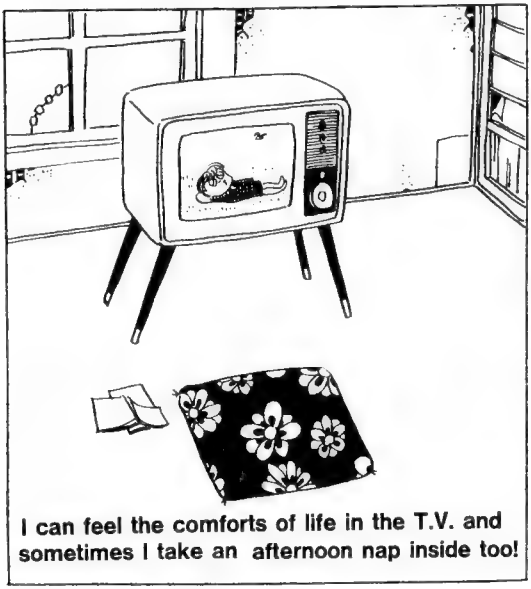

It's the sameas somebody saying, "You'll be fine, even if you jump from the Tokyo Tower."


It was one day, when I was eating lots of rice creackers that it felt like my body was becoming thin and flat, just like a rice cracker!
Champ
Champ
Champ


When I felt my hand was as thin as a paper fan, I could get inside the T.V. smoothly.
Wobble
Wobble
Suuuup!


Ever since then, I've been able to come and go as I like.
Of course, the dwarf in the T.V. would help pull me out of the T.V. when I wanted.

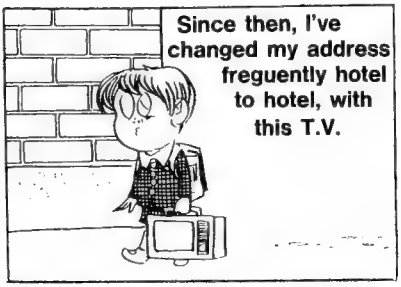
That is why, I take a meal from the T.V. when I get hungry and I'm the only boy who can help himself to any merchandise.

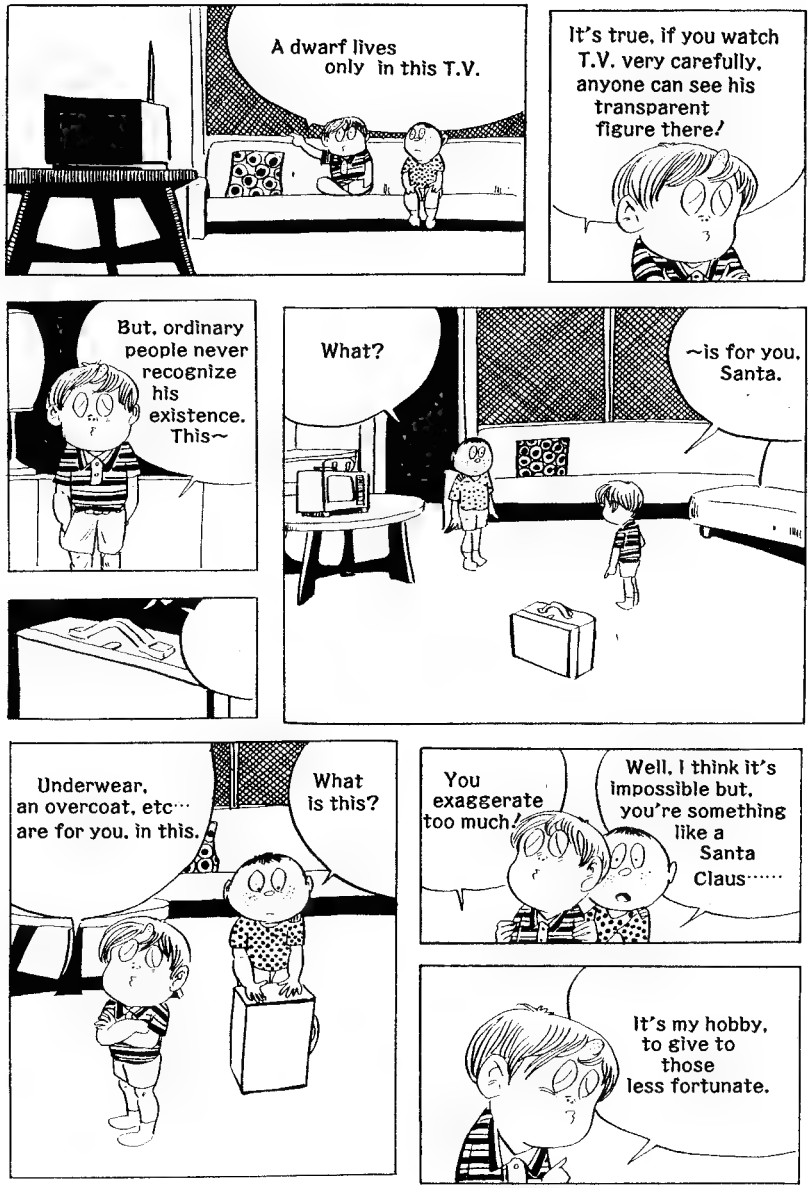

I can feel the comforts of life in the T.V. and sometimes I take an afternoon nap inside too!

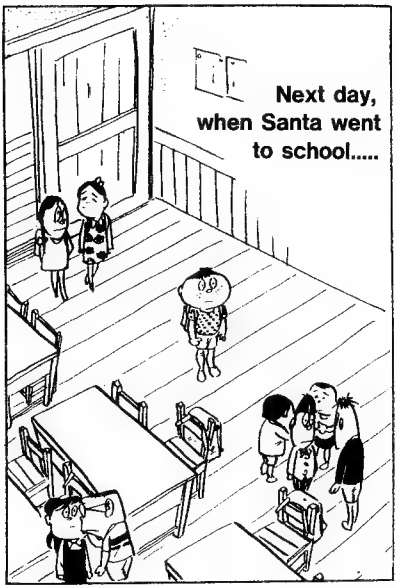
The disadvantage is, that I also appear on everyone elses T.V.!

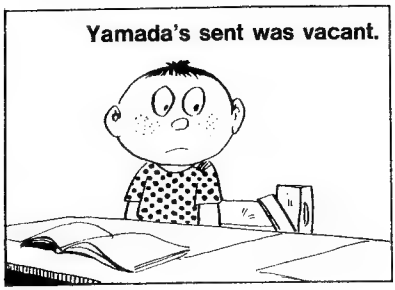
My neighbors turned against me.

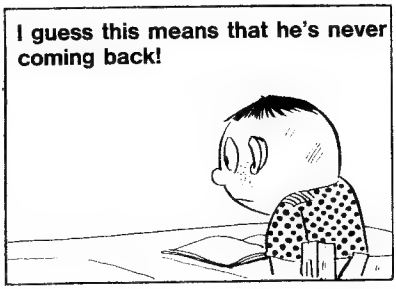
Even my uncle and aunt who took care of me, felt uneasy!


Since then, I've changed my address freguently hotel to hotel, with this T.V.

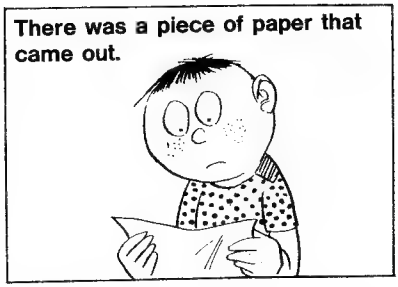

A dwarf lives only in this T.V.
It's true, if you watch T.V. very carefully, anyone can see his transparent figure there!
But, ordinary people never recognize his existence. This~
What?
~is for you, Santa.
Underwear, an overcoat, etc··· are for you, in this.
What is this?
You exaggerate too much!
Well, I think it's impossible but, you're something like a Santa Claus·····
It's my hobby, to give to those less fortunate.


Next day, when Santa went to school.....


Yamada's sent was vacant.

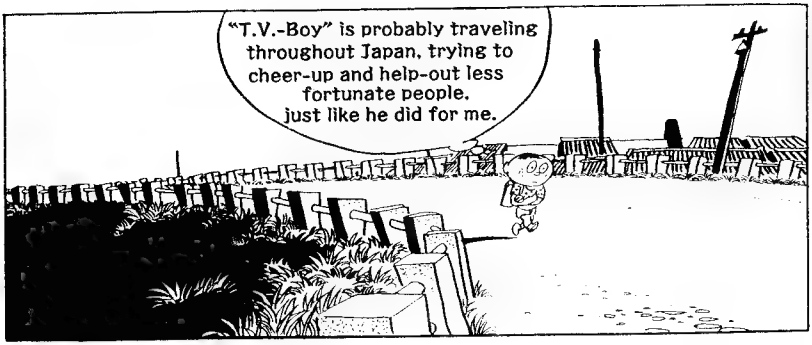

I guess this means that he's never coming back!

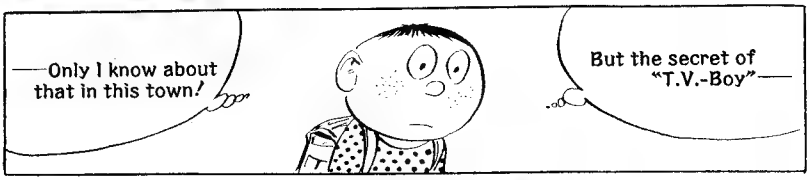
Santa opened the desk—

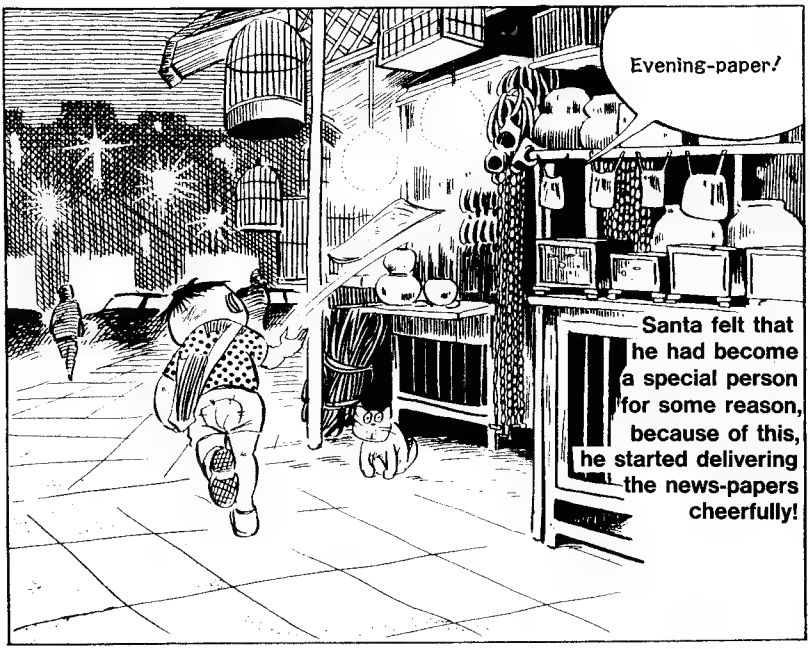

There was a piece of paper that came out.

Hang-in-there, Santa! See you again on T.V.!

He has went away somewhere!


"T.V.-Boy" is probably traveling throughout Japan, trying to cheer-up and help-out less fortunate people. just like he did for me.


—Only I know about that in this town!
But the secret of "T.V.-Boy"—


Evening-paper!
Santa felt that he had become a special person for some reason, because of this, he started delivering the news-papers cheerfully!

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